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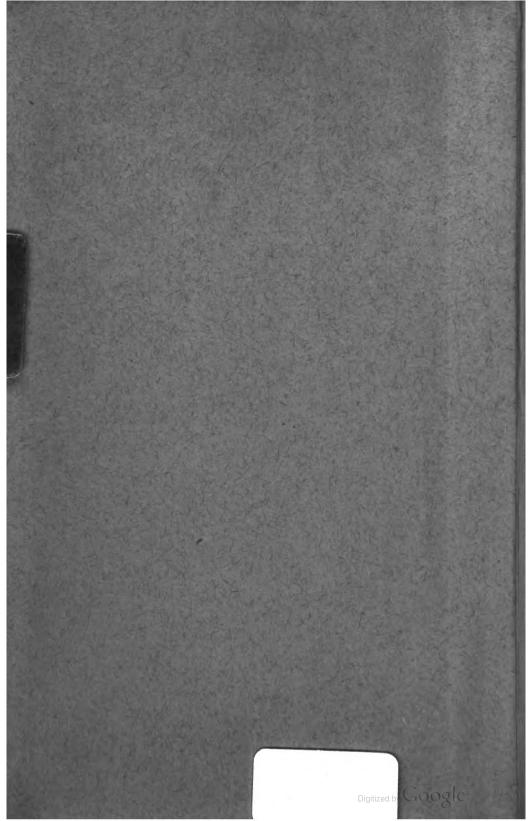
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Contributions

The Alumni Situation

THERE is no department of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity which is of such vital importance as the department of the Alumni. At the last convention held in Richmond in May, 1907, this cause found many supporters, and much time and attention was given to it. As a result of this convention, a Committee on Alumni was formed whose aim this is to arouse enthusiasm, and to keep alive, among its alumni, the fraternity spirit. This committee consists of a chairman, appointed in the interim between the conventions and one or more members from each State in which there were any alumni members of the fraternity. The writer had the honor to be appointed chairman of the committee, and there are now associated with him in his work II's from every Southern State from Virginia to Texas. These men have been chosen by reason of their loyalty and devotion to the cause, and have proven themselves to be worthy men.

When the convention met in Richmond in 1907, the Alumni situation was not encouraging. True, there were alumni chapters, but the organization was very poor, and

many of them had not held meetings for several years and longer. In fact, the organization in many places no longer existed, and the older men had ceased to take any active interest at all. The charters had been laid away and been forgotten, and Pi Kappa Alpha was in some places only a memory. There has been a noticeable change in the past year as regards alumni chapters, and it is indeed gratifying to all loval II's to note the renewal of interest, and the enthusiasm that has been displayed on many occasions. Old charters have been brought to light, and new charters have been applied for, until to-day we find that there are some ten or twelve alumni organizations whose activity has only commenced in the last year. Much of this has been done through correspondence from the office of our Grand Treasurer, and some has been accomplished through the activity of our loyal committeemen. The result in either case has been the same, and the alumni are gradually taking an active interest in fraternity affairs. loyal Pi can witness this change without feeling a kind of pride in his fraternity. But will our results be lasting? Will ten years from now find the same interest displayed, and will our organization become stronger by lapse of time? This is the important question, and we must so plan to-day that the coming years will find our organization even more worthy of our loyalty, and that time will only add laurels to our fame.

The future of the fraternity rests in the hands of its alumni. It is to the individual man—the individual II—that the fraternity must look for its future guidance and for its future success. The strength of the individual chapters is governed by the men forming those chapters and so in the eyes of the fraternity world, the strength and influence of Pi Kappa Alpha is in proportion to the character of men forming its membership. The enthusiasm and loyalty of the alumni of any fraternity is a great and powerful factor in that fraternity's success.

How to arouse the enthusiasm of the alumni, and how to secure their co-operation is indeed a vital question. And it is really more vital how we can best sustain and keep alive this enthusiasm when once aroused.

This will not be the work of a day or a week or of months. It will take years of sustained effort and systematic work to accomplish the desired result. The first and most important thing to be done is to persuade each alumni to subscribe to the fraternity magazine, The Shield and Diamond. That is a step in the right direction. The subscription price is only \$2.00 per year, and no loyal II ought to shy at such a small amount. If approached in the right manner, there should not be the least trouble in doing this. Once they subscribe it is easy to get their subscription the next year. Their subscription also goes to help the fraternity, and they are thus indirectly contributing to the support of the fraternity.

The next step is to organize the alumni of any certain city or locality and apply to the Supreme Council for a charter. Once the chapter is organized and the charter secured, it enters into a field of wide usefulness. It is a component part of the fraternity; it becomes alive to the problems of the active chapters; and it ofttimes is in a position to render these chapters material assistance. This may be either in a financial way, or in advising the active chapters of any new men attending the colleges where the different chapters are located, or in helping the new alumni in a business way. And its usefulness does not end there, for it is of assistance in other ways.

After the chapter has been organized and started to work there is another problem that needs be faced. This is the question of meetings, and of how often they should be held. This depends almost entirely upon the personnel of the individual chapters. When there is much diversity of ages the meetings must of necessity be few, but when the alumni are all young men the club feature

plays a prominent part; this is a matter that must be left to the individual chapters, but there is one feature that seems worthy of consideration.

At best the meetings of the alumni chapters are held at long intervals, but it does seem that they might all agree upon some day during the year when they might meet for a banquet or smoker. Other fraternities celebrate the day of their founding, and this idea seems to be a worthy one. Our fraternity was founded on March 1, 1868, at the University of Virginia, and it would be a grand thing if all the alumni would celebrate that occasion in some appropriate manner. It would at least be something to look forward to each year, and it might serve to hold the alumni closer together and to unite them in a common cause.

We want, we need subscribers to our magazine. Let the Alumni Committee take this matter in hand and see how many they can bring into the fold. This is the weakest point in our organization and we must bend our every effort to remedy this condition. It takes work, perseverance and a dogged determination to succeed along that line but the prize is worthy of it all.

Already the sky is breaking and the silver lining of the clouds can be plainly seen. The alumni situation is truly promising, but there is work ahead and plenty of it. In my travels in Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina during the past year I have met a number of II brothers, and II sisters, and the result has been that I am growing prouder of my fraternity every day. The future looks bright, the prospect is alluring, and Pi Kappa Alpha is taking a high stand in every phrase of college life and in the world around us. The boy of to-day will be the man of to-morrow and so let us always keep in mind that the memories that cluster around our college days are closely entwined with the happy hours we spent with our fraternity brothers. Have you forgotten your college?

Why have you forgotten your fraternity? The bugle has sounded and you must answer to its call.

SAM. W. LACY.

Richmond, Va.

Chairman Committee on Alumni.

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P. K. A. Expects Every Man To Do His Duty

IT is a well known fact that music has charms to lull even the savage breast. There is no man who is not thrilled and inspired by music, such as "Dixie," "The Star Spangled Banner," "America" and the like or softened and charmed by "Home Sweet Home," "Old Kentucky Home" and other songs of that order.

In war, armies have their bands to cheer the men on in the fight, and any old soldier will tell you that the music spurred him on to face fire and death.

Now, the Supreme Council recognizing the need of an complete volume of songs and music dedicated to II K A, have appointed a committee to compile such a volume and we are appealing to the fraternity at large for help in this great and much needed work. We have adopted as our motto, the saying of Nelson, applied to our present situation, "II K A expects every man to do his duty."

First, Let us see the need and then the solution of the need. Every fraternity of any standing either has such a book or is taking steps to get one at present. To get up a book of songs and music requires much time, trouble and expense, and why would the heads of the various fraternities appoint committees and go to much trouble if the work was not very important? II K A is at present growing within and without at a rapid rate and is becoming more and more a recognized factor in the Greek world.

The need of a song book is one of the signs of progress. Do we not need something to inspire us in the upbuilding of our much loved fraternity? And is there anything

more inspiring than music? Now, how is the work to be done? I answer in one word, co-operation. Without the co-operation of every man in the fraternity who has any talent in this line or who can help in any way the committee might just as well have not been appointed.

As far as I am personally concerned I am in the work heart and soul and will do all in my power to further the good work, and I think that I can speak for the committee, but how can five or six men do the work by themselves!

If you are not musical or poetic yourself pass it on and write or speak to some one who is musical or poetic. It need not be a II, for "a rose by any other name would smell as sweet," and while it seems to us that every loyal II would be proud to contribute if it was in him, a song will sound just as good to us written by an outsider.

Brothers get busy and let us have our song book at New Orleans. Send all contributions to the general office or to me, or to any member of the committee.

Remember the motto: "II K A expects every man to do his duty."

John McSween, Jr.,

Timmonsville, S. C.

Chairman.



Our Colors

Air: "Bonnie Blue Flag."
We are a band of brothers,
United well are we;
Joined in Pi Kappa Alpha,
Our beloved fraternity.
'Tis on our Shield and Diamond,
In letters bright and bold
It gleams upon the banner of
The Garnet and the Gold.

CHORUS:

Hurrah! Hurrah!

Come, brothers young and old!

Hurrah for the banner of

The Garnet and the Gold!

We're from the sunny land that lies
Beneath the Southern skies;
The land of stalwart sons
And lovely maids with laughing eyes:
And from the Old Dominion State
To Texas we're enrolled
Beneath the dear old banner of
The Garnet and the Gold.

CHORUS:

Here's to Pi Kappa Alpha then,
And every heart that's true
To her and to the sunny land
Of dear old Dixie too;
And ready to defend her
With loyal hearts and bold,
We'll bear on high the banner of
The Garnet and the Gold.

CHORUS:

OSCAR L. SHEWMAKE, Alpha.



Chapter Duty

THE lack of general interest in the fraternity both on the part of active members and the alumni, is a subject that each and every Pi Kappa Alpha should give their most earnest attention. It is the one thing that has given the General Office the most worry and trouble and one that could be most easily avoided if the active members of each chapter adhered strictly to the by-laws and constitution. The active chapters constitute the main part of a fraternity and to have them not doing their duty will cause dead wood in a fraternity and the lack of interest will be prevalent.

Pi Kappa Alpha has her share of this condition that I have mentioned, but there is a great improvement in the majority of cases and there is no doubt but that things are going forward instead of backward. Everyone will agree with me when I say that it is a very haphazard way in which the general business of the chapters is conducted. The meetings are not held in the business-like manner that they should be. Oftentimes meetings are broken up for some sort of pleasure when there are some very urgent matters that should have attention. The correspondence with the General Office is not attended to as it should be. All correspondence ought to be answered with promptness and with the very greatest degree of care.

Another thing that would come in here is that no chapter dues should be delayed. It would save the Grand Treasurer lots of trouble and also would save the fraternity a great deal of expense. All of these things when neglected go towards causing a large per cent. of this lack of interest. It is a sad plight when a chapter drifts into this state of affairs and I hope there are very few that have ever been lacking in any very great degree.

There is one thing sure and that is that we must put our chapters on a solid foundation. Everyone must put his shoulder to the wheel and do the part which he has pledged himself to do.

If the chapter does not do its duty, what will be the most logical result? The individual member will leave college not imbued with the proper fraternity spirit, and he as an alumnus cannot be expected to take interest then, after he has severed his ties with the chapter. No fraternity can be run successfully without a large percentage

of the alumni taking active interest. So it is all important that the active members have the proper training to make the right sort of an alumnus. I believe there is a general awakening on the part of the alumni in II K A, and it is these men we must look forward to for the achievement of many things.

At the beginning of this session let every chapter try to keep up its business matters better than they have done in the past. Do not show your lack of appreciation by not attending to the general business, especially in connection with the General Office. There certainly is some room for improvement in all the chapters. Have your meetings held regularly, do not fail at every business meeting to attend to all business, have them conducted in a business-like manner and last of all, let each member make it a point to be present at every regular meeting. When we become loose in this respect, how can the initiates become active members as active members should be.

Another thing: Let every officer do his duty and have the laws enforced. Every member should be familiar with the by-laws and constitution. I believe we have as good fraternity material in our active chapters as any fraternity and upon these men rests the future of our fraternity, so let each chapter do its duty and there will be no doubt as to the future.

JOHN U. FIELD, Alumnus of Kappa.



The Fraternity in College Elections

(Two Members of the Same Fraternity Talking.)

this summer? Say, Jack, I have a little plan on foot, and I think that if we work it right, we can get away, with a majority of the offices this year, any way we ought

to get the editor-in-chief of the Annual, president of the Senior class and some others."

"Well, let's hear your plan."

"I propose that we go in with the ——'s and together we will have a majority in the Senior class, provided we can get a few of the 'Bobs' to go for us and with a little slick talk and a few promiscuous promises we can easily do this, and then we will have things pretty much our own way, as most of the prominent positions come out of the Senior class."

Fellows! do we ever want a conversation like this to be carried on between any two of us; I think that you will unanimously agree with me in saying, by all means no, yet you know and I know that such conversations are carried on and some people get their so-called prominence in college affairs in just such a way. I know of an instance like this last year, but the men who held the highest offices in college were the most popular, and it is always the case. They are found out every time, and though in the Annual and other college publications, they are mighty nice fellows and very popular, really they are scorned by the other fraternities and also by the non-frat men.

I think you will again agree with me in saying that if II K A can't get men who will go up on their own merits and because they are men and not sneaky college politicians, then we don't want either the offices or the things (they can hardly be called men).

Again, lots of men feel obliged to vote for a fraternity mate whenever he is nominated. Don't feel that way, it's a mighty bad feeling and hard to cure. Always vote for whom you think is the best man for the place.

II K A has a lot of the best on the market, but that's just it—we want to stay so and one of the ways of staying so is never to go into college politics. By going into college politics I mean going around and in a way buying votes or combining with another fraternity so as to get a ma-

jority. If a fraternity expects to accomplish anything at college, it must be popular both with the other fraternities and the students at large and it can never command respect or be popular if it does this dirty work. It never has paid, fellows, and it never will.

W. W. MARTIN, Iota.

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A Review

close study of the chapter letters in the June, 1908, issue records some facts and "food for thought" which may or may not have escaped the casual reader. For instance, there is the fact that at least five chapters have labored under the disadvantage of having thirteen active members; also the fact that these are fine, aggressive chapters, from which it might be inferred that II K A has the power of overcoming a hoodoo.

In general, the letters are conservative, well written and interesting, though occasionally there appears a spirit which we are glad to say has not been so prominent in the Shield and Diamond as in some other fraternity magazines—the spirit which prompts us to exclaim of a chapter as the great lyrist has exclaimed of a louse:

"Oh wad some power the giftie gie us
To see our sils as ithers see us."

Then, too, the literary style in some instances is far from perfect—in fact, it would do credit to a schoolboy composition, but hardly to our magazine. These are faults to which we would call the attention of our correspondents, because bragging is never in good taste and good English usually is.

However, we are delighted to note aggressive self-confidence in our chapters which differs from braggadocio in inverse proportion as a cad from a gentleman.

Alpha reports a successful year, and as proof of the

esteem in which her thirteen members are held by the students at Virginia, she mentions a historian of the law class, an associate editor of the Annual, the editor-in-chief of the same, judge of the moot court, captain of the football team, manager of the baseball team and four members of the Raven Society. It will not be out of place to mention here the method of election to "The Ravens." The faculty chooses ten of the best all-around men in the university and from this number "the birds," as they are called, choose six.

Beta declares that her influence is felt in every department of college life, and in support of this statement mentions twenty-one college honors, including membership on the football and baseball teams and the glee club.

From Gamma's letter we might suppose that her allabsorbing interest is baseball. She modestly refrains from mentioning college honors, except those of one brother, but we know that Gamma has been in the habit of leading things at William and Mary, and habits are hard to break.

Delta's men, we are glad to see, are students and speakers—one-half of the Southern University's commencement performers coming from her roll.

Zeta loses two excellent men—the one an athlete among athletes, the other a student among students and a Chesterfield among ladies. Zeta has seven men left though, and fine prospects for another year.

Eta's letter deals not with fraternity questions, but with Tulane University, and Tulane must indeed be a model university, for our correspondent tells us that examinations are occupying the entire attention of everyone.

The grandmother and the mother of the chapters each report a successful year and thirteen members, Theta still retaining the lead at S. P. U. and Iota holding her old position. Iota has received a number of college honors this year, but not so many as some other fraternities at Hampden-Sidney. But it may truthfully be said that

whatever honors she holds come to her solely through merit. She has ever followed the policy of holding aloof from college politics, taking without solicitation such elective honors as the students might bestow upon her and going with might and main after medals and scholarships. As a result she has more medals and scholarships to her credit than any other two fraternities in college and enjoys the respect, confidence and affection of all, except perhaps the wire-pulling frats, of which there are one or two at Hampden-Sidney.

Kappa has the smallest chapter in years, but the tone of her letter indicates high quality.

What is the matter with Phi? From her chapter letter it seems that something is surely wrong.

We might review the remaining letters in this way, but if the reader is interested let him do it for himself.

From the letters in that issue our chapters everywhere seem to have a good supply of college offices and honors, but how they compare with other frats in this respect we have no means of ascertaining. Three II's were last year initiated into Φ B K.

The following chapters have entertained during the session: Kappa and Omega (dance), Omicron (dance), Alpha Epsilon (dance), Theta (informal smoker), Alpha-Iota (reception), Upsilon (reception), Rho (fish fry), and others not mentioned in the June issue. Gamma has been giving an annual dance for years, but the faculty has forbidden fraternity dances at W. & M.

Our active membership last session, as reported in the June issue, was 317, which does not include the members of Alpha-Zeta, Alpha-Eta and Alpha-Mu. Alpha-Iota has the largest chapter roll, with 19 members, and Phi the shortest, with 4.

As a whole, a review of the last issue for 1907-'08 is very encouraging.

G. A. WILSON, JR.

A Boy's Musical Education

THIS is the age of division of labor, when every man is a specialist, and that man succeeds who devotes all his time and energy to the study and mastery of one occupation, or to a single phase of it. And the common idea is that one cannot start too early at his life's work, either in business or at college. Hence, when a boy graduates from the high school, he feels that the time has come to decide what he will do for his life's work. The average boy, with no marked talent or special liking for any one line of work, and with little experience and knowledge in professional and industrial occupations, finds it hard to choose. So it often happens that a mere whim or a circumstance decides the matter for him.

So when musical talent crops out in a small boy, if it does not amount to evident genius, should it be cultivated? From a purely material point of view, it seems that it would be useless and dangerous to do so. Looking forward to the time when he shall choose his occupation, we see that he will be exposed to the danger of becoming a musician—a hard and uncertain lot—or of reluctantly taking up something else and thereby making a failure. Or even if he should not become so attached to his music, he may, ungoverned as the average boy is by any fixed purpose, let it interfere with his work, and thus more than waste the time and money spent on his musical education.

But if the talent be left undeveloped, the results will be as bad. If the boy's disposition and temperament are those of a musician, he must be one, even though he may not be a genius. He would fail at anything else, whether his talent be developed or not, and whether his talent be great or small, if he is a failure he will always think that he could have "done something" with music "if he only had a chance."

The success or failure of a boy with musical talent depends on the boy himself, not on the fact that he has or has not developed it. In justice to him he should be given every possible chance to do what he can with it. If it is small, and he gains little proficiency, not only is no harm done, but benefits are derived. For when the time comes for him to choose an occupation he will know that he was not cut out to be a musician. Having made his choice, his music will give him the best of recreation, and the training gotten in the study of it will help him in his work. For there is nothing that teaches one the value of patience, and of careful, diligent and discerning effort better than the proper study of music.

When to these considerations of material help are added the manifest esthetic benefits of the study of music, and its refining influence there should be no hesitation about giving it to the boy.

The time to begin is when he is large enough to stretch his fingers over three or four keys of the piano or reach the finger-board of the violin, as the case may be. He should have a good teacher, and his other studies should be so arranged that he will have ample time for practice without infringing on his outdoor exercise. The practice should be insisted upon, when his interest lags, until he comes to regard it as an everyday occurrence, like his "reading, writing and arithmetic."

G. F. BASON, Alpha-Epsilon.



The Manual of Pi Kappa Alpha

ON the first of March, 1908, Pi Kappa Alpha completed its fortieth year as a college fraternity. During its four decades, its career has been marked by many ups and downs. First it blossomed forth, bidding fair to eclipse in its grandeur its more strongly entrenched

rivals. Then the hand of fate was laid upon her and she almost succumbed to the overwhelming odds that encompassed her. But at this time, a mere handful of her tried and true sons came to her rescue and after holding her above the tide for a season, began the base work upon which she slowly but surely has built herself up.

During the whole of its existence, the greatest need of the fraternity has been that of a literature of its own. During the same epoch, other fraternities have issued catalogues, histories, annuals, song books, etc., while to Pi Kappa Alpha's credit can be placed alone, a single edition of the catalogue, together with publications of an individual nature, issued by the various chapters. It is indeed gratifying to know that in the very near future, a second edition of the catalogue will be ready for issuance, but still this will leave a need unfilled in the nature of a history of the fraternity, as catalogues deal with the individual rather than the general fraternity. some of the members have an intimate acquaintance with its past, many, very many, have but a faint idea of its deeds and accomplishments of the years gone by. For instance, how many know of the conditions which caused Pi Kappa Alpha to spring into existence? How many know when and where the early conventions were held? How many can trace the history of the order, when, with two active chapters, and eleven men, it held its own against the advances of other organizations, and reorganized the Pi Kappa Alpha of to-day? The sketch of the fraternity in Baird's Manual is very incomplete, and inaccurate, and in no way does credit to the order, and from it no one can in the least gain any knowledge of the history of the fraternity nor be inspired by the story of its success, and failure overcome.

In fact, the average II knows practically nothing of the fraternity, except such as concerns his own chapter, and why? Because he has no means of obtaining this information in a concrete form. His own chapter records are

before him, and it is of course easy for him to acquaint himself therewith. As for the other chapters or the fraternity at large, he knows little or nothing. Now this condition of affairs is to be much regretted, because it serves to make the chapters lead more of an individual life, than that of a united whole. On the other hand, even if possible to acquaint each member with the history of the general fraternity and each chapter thereof, a greater feeling of unity would be manifested, which could lead to nothing but a betterment of every condition surrounding the fraternity.

With this end in view, two years ago the writer set about the collection of material for such a history and it gives him much pleasure now to announce its completion as a "Manual of Pi Kappa Alpha." This book contains a history of the general fraternity, the chapters, alumni chapters, and conventions, a roll of one hundred prominent II's, statistical tables, notes on publications, principles, etc., and many other points too numerous to mention. In fact, no stone has been left unturned to gather together in this publication every available fact connected with the fraternity's past, and in offering it to the II public, the author feels that from the standpoint of appearance and contents, the members at large will have cause to be pleased with the book. Printed on high-grade paper, bound in cloth and containing one hundred and fifty pages, it presents a most pleasing appearance, and will in nowise create anything but the most favorable impression.

We invite your attention to the advertisement in this issue, the circular sent your chapter, and the cards mailed the alumni, and ask that you take the matter under advisement, and as a consequent result, mail an order and thus assist a worthy enterprise.

LLOYD R. BYRNE.

Fraternal Spirit

PERHAPS the first question to engage the attention of the "neophyte" is the question, "What is this 'Fraternal Spirit' about which I hear so much?" Then he is initiated, and around the banquet table he may learn more of it; and as the years roll by and he passes from his Freshman year to his last year at college he may learn still more of this "Fraternal Spirit." And as he passes from the walls of his dear old Alma Mater and from the shadow of his beloved chapter house, his mind may be full of tenderest thoughts of this same "Spirit" and what it has been to him through his years of study at college.

But it is just at this point that so many of us weaken towards our fraternity. During the four years at college each of us may have been a pillar in the chapter, ever working for Pi Kappa Alpha, a chapter "politician" and a man of "good spirit." These are the men our fraternity needs in the various chapters, but if these same men, when, as alumni, they leave the chapter, let their love and work for the fraternity die, they at the same time retard the growth of Pi Kappa Alpha and dampen the spirit of the men they left behind at college to carry on the good work.

There is no stool but what must stand on three legs, and our fraternity stands the same way: First, the individual members composing a chapter; second, the alumni, and third, the official organ of the fraternity, The Shield and Diamond.

Of these three I consider the Alumni the most important in so far as the upbuilding and support of the fraternity is concerned and without the extension of their help and co-operation to the chapters and to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, both must fail.

With the co-operation of the active men of the alumni and of the magazine, there should be no such word as "fail" for Pi Kappa Alpha, and with these three forces brought into active play and kept active by earnest cooperation, our fraternity will be assured of greater stability and usefulness as the years creep by.

As a group of associates at college it is easy to keep this "Fraternal Spirit" afire, but when we are scattered broadcast through the land it is only through the Shield and Diamond and through co-operation that this "Spirit" can be kept alive and made to grow with the years when we are scattered. After we have passed from our chapter and from the comradeship found there, then it is that we lack the inspiration that comes from personal association. But severed by space, these forces of "Fraternal Spirit" will be kept in motion if the visit of the Shield and Diamond is made welcome into each and every home where an alumnus is found.

Brother Alumni, you who have enjoyed the comradeship of your chapter, you who have felt the effects of personal association with your brothers at college, and you who now, amidst the strenuous life, are combating with other outside forces, won't you lend a helping hand to your fraternity? Will you not lend a helping hand to your chapter and to your magazine? How little is required to keep the work going if we each do our part!

If you feel so sure of yourself that you do not feel the need of participating, so far as your own welfare is concerned, can you not give two dollars for the SHIELD AND DIAMOND? If you will read your magazine regularly, new life will be imbibed in you, new forces will be stirred within you and the fire and the spirit which was started years ago when you vowed the best you had for Pi Kappa Alpha, will be rekindled and you will again be with the fraternity with your heart and soul in every good word and work, and you will ever stand ready to help in every noble endeavor of your fraternity.

Look within you, Brother Alumni, see if there are not forces within you which now lie dormant and need only a slight impetus to start you working again for Pi Kappa Alpha, its chapter and its magazine. It will tend to increase the good fellowship of our alumni and keep awake our latent spirit.

W. B. LOBRAINE, M. D., Alumnus of Iota.



The Honor System

COLLEGE ethics is an interesting study, because it is unlike other ethics. This is hardly because the conception of honor in college is different from the popular conception of honor. The student is too prone to think that whatever his neighbor does is legitimate, if not right. Thus it is that much depends upon the spirit that pervades the college. Very often there exists among the most reputable students the feeling that the end justifies the means, and as the end is to get creditable grades, and obtain the sheepskin, they set out to do so by fair means or foul. If a student sees others around him cheating on examinations, he is not going to report them, but will rather feel that he is justified in cheating also, since he would be at a disadvantage in not doing so. Unfortunately, such a sentiment gains in popularity under ordinary circumstances, and even develops into a practice among the student body of encouraging and conniving at dishonesty. Long practice in cheating will not only develop skill in and necessity for further cheating, but will make the matter of outwitting the professor a standing ioke among the boys.

In such an atmosphere, cheating is not the heinous crime it is often represented to be. Some educators go so far as to maintain that the boy who cheats on an examination will cheat in after life. This is not necessarily so. Very often the college sentiment is so lax in this matter that the cheater cheats unconsciously, unintentionally, and would be indignant if you were to question his honor. There are ample instances of men who are not averse to

this form of cheating, but whose integrity is otherwise above question.

The whole matter resolves around public sentiment. Just as public opinion has made and unmade many a great statesman, and just as Dame Fashion has from time immemorial ruled man with an iron sceptre, so also public sentiment in college is a very potent—I almost said an omnipotent-factor. If, by any means, this sentiment can be aroused against dishonesty, there will immediately be a noticeable abandonment of that practice. the proper moment for the establishment of the so-called honor system, which is simply an organization for the perpetuation and enforcement of honesty. It need not be a complex organization, for too much machinery will tend to impede its effectiveness. Neither need its membership comprise all or most of the students, though this is desirable. But a minority can, if courageous, accomplish good The members become such by signing a pledge to refrain from dishonesty and to expose any instances that come to their notice. The governing body is an executive committee of two members from each class, with a president from the Senior class, making nine in all. This body hears and passes upon all cases of cheating discovered. If the accused be found guilty he is warned to withdraw from college by a specified time, with the alternative of having his case submitted to the faculty, together with all evidence brought to light.

It is essential that the faculty lend their hearty support. Without this there would be no dread of an interview with the executive committee, and no heed to its outcome. No member of the faculty should attempt to supplement the honor system by any device of his own such as examination pledges. These will have anything but the desired effect. If the honor system is in vogue, and is properly supported by the professors, it will be efficient in itself, and any adjunctive systems will give the complexion of weakness to the whole. Neither is there cause for discour-

agement if the executive committee find itself without anything to do. Its ultimate aim is to stamp out all forms of cheating and if there are no cases brought it is evident, at least, that the sentiment has prevailed.

HUBERT BUNYEA, Alpha-Lambda.



A Pi Kappa Alpha Directory

WONDER to how many II's has this subject appealed? I have seen many articles in our SHIELD AND DIAMOND on various subjects, but to say the least, this one has been lightly touched.

Does not every member think that a handbook directory, with a list of all our members and their addresses, would be a benefit to them and to the fraternity?

I would suggest an annual or bi-annual publication of this kind, giving the cities and towns in which II's live and their addresses, their chapter and, if possible, the date of their initiation. No one could dispute the value of this publication as it would be the means of throwing many of our brothers together and would enable us to get a II address at any moment.

The compiling of a handbook would of course involve hard work and time but I am sure every II would gladly contribute in every way. Other frats have them, why not we?

I offer this merely as a suggestion, as I have talked the matter over with a number of our men. They are all heartily in favor of it.

The subject of internal strengthening is very delicate indeed, but this article does not take that up. A fraternity handbook is a subtle step in that direction.

PRESTON BUFORD, Beta and Alumnus Tau.

In Memoriam

RICHARDSON HOMES, Eta

ETA CHAPTER, Tulane University.

Whereas, God, in His infinite wisdom, has called from our midst, on August 31, 1908, in the flower of his young manhood, our beloved brother, Richardson Homes, from a scope of usefulness in this life, to a higher part in the Divine Plan; and

WHEREAS, We, the members of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, have lost a loyal, true, and loving brother, and an unselfish friend, who by his nobility, high moral principles and loving disposition endeared himself to all who knew him and for whose life the world can not but be better; be it therefore

Resolved, That we, the members of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, do bow submissively before the Divine Will, and mourn the loss of our brother as one of our own family: be it also

Resolved, That we extend to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in their great grief, and that we ask God to grant them strength to bow before His will; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be sent to his bereaved family; that they be published in The Shield and Diamond, and inscribed in the minutes of Eta Chapter.

ETA CHAPTER.

Robert E. Smith, Psi

WHEREAS, It has pleased God, in His almighty wisdom, to take from us our beloved and zealous brother, Robert E.

Smith, of Pine Log, Ga., and desiring to give expression to our estimate of his character, and our sense of the great loss sustained by his relatives and friends as well as by our fraternity; therefore be it

Resolved, First, That the deceased was always loyal to the interests of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, and stood high in the estimate of those who remain to honor and mourn him:

Second, That, we tend his stricken family the assurance of our most sincere sympathy in the loss which falls so heavily upon his many friends, but far more heavily upon them; and we commend to them the faith which made beautiful and strong the character of our brother, and failed him not even at the end.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the next number of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and that a copy of that magazine be sent to our deceased brother's family and also the resolutions be given a prominent record in the minutes of our chapter.

CHAS. E. POWER, F. H. HARLEY, Committee.

Chapter Letters

Alpha

University of Virginia

Alpha Chapter takes pleasure in the opportunity here afforded to extend to each of her sister chapters and to the fraternity at large a condial greeting and to assure each and every II of her best wishes for a session filled with honest effort to be crowned in June with the laurels of success

The University of Virginia entered upon the new session on Thursday, September 10th. The enrollment, which is now about seven hundred men, is a trifle short of what it was at this time last year, owing largely to the rigid enforcement of strict entrance requirements and partly to the general financial depression now being felt throughout the Middle States. The general condition of the university, however, is excellent, full of growth and vigor. With the beginning of the session came the opening of the new university commons; an event eagerly anticipated and joyfully welcomed. The arrangements in the commons are most excellent in every respect, and the beautiful building, clean and efficient service, good food and low rates, constitute a boon indeed to many of our students.

Also, in a few days, work on a new law building, to cost \$100,000, will commence, so that the inauguration of the three-year law course will be held in a building well worthy of our university and adapted in every way to the purpose it is intended to serve.

Alpha begins the college year in good condition and

with bright prospects. We are again located in our old quarters near the university campus. Eight of us are living in the chapter house, which is neatly and comfortably furnished and where a warm welcome always awaits any II who may visit us. Among those whom we have just had the pleasure of entertaining are Brother Theron Rice, alumnus of Theta, and now located in Richmond, Va., and Brother Robert H. Webb, alumnus of Iota and Alpha, now taking advanced work at Harvard.

Last June we lost three men by graduation: Brothers Duncan Curry, W. H. Jordan and J. Garland Jefferson, each of the three receiving the degree of LL.B. Brother N. C. Waller has entered Davidson College, J. F. Waller has gone into business, as has Brother W. S. Baldwin. Our chapter roll at this date is as follows: Men returned: A. M. Bowman, Salem, Va., law; W. H. Fulton, Bardstown, Ky., law; J. N. Hubbard, Wilcox Wharf, Va., law; J. L. Kable, Staunton, Va., medicine; L. H. Lewis, Harrisonburg, Va., medicine; C. E. Mason, Jett. Kv., law: J. H. Neff, Jr., Harrisonburg, Va., medicine; M. T. Neff, Harrisonburg, Va., law; O. L. Shewmake, Newport News. Va., law; T. H. Willcox, Jr., Norfolk, Va., law. Transfers: L. A. Anderson, Pi, Lynchburg, Va., law; J. S. White, Gamma, Warrenton, Va., law. In faculty: Dr. F. P. Dunnington, Alpha, Department of Chemistry; Dr. R. Montgomery Bird, Iota, Department of Chemistry; Prof. J. Lloyd Newcomb, Gamma, Department of Engineering.

In addition to the above we have already secured three good pledges whom we will initiate into the mysteries at an early date, and we also have some more good material in view. We wish in this connection to extend to those brothers who have notified us by letter of the arrival here of good material for our chapter, our sincere thanks; one of these letters, from Brother Mann of Iota, brought us two of our pledges—all received our careful consideration.

The following undergraduate fraternities, in the order of their establishment here, have chapters in the university; at present it is impossible to give a correct list of their respective numbers: Φ K Ξ , Δ K E, Φ K Ψ , B Θ II, X Φ , Ξ A E, Φ Γ Δ , Δ Ψ , Ξ X, A T Ω , II K A, Z Ψ , K E, Ξ N, Φ Δ Θ , K A, Δ T Δ , Φ K E, Ξ Φ E, A X P, Δ Φ . Besides Φ B K the following class fraternities are represented here: Φ Δ Φ and Δ X, legal; Φ P Ξ , N Ξ N and II M, medical; and Δ II and Θ N E, academical.

Football practice has begun and Brother John Neff, our captain of last year, is again in his old place as half-back. Brother M. T. Neff, who played good ball at end last year, cannot play this year as his position in the university as assistant in the Department of Logic renders him ineligible for the team.

Best wishes to all II's for the most prosperous session they have ever known.

OSCAR L. SHEWMAKE.



Beta

Davidson College

After three months of pleasure we have again gathered back to old Davidson. College opened on September 3d with the brightest prospects and everything seems to point to a more successful year for all concerned. About 130 new men have matriculated, making the total enrollment 325 or more.

Nine of the men on Beta's last year chapter roll have returned. They are as follows: O. E. Buckholz, '09, Dalton, Ga.; D. W. Dodge, '09, Ocala, Fla.; R. D. Dodge, '09, Ocala, Fla.; R. C. Walker, '09, Waycross, Ga.; J. W. Todd, Jr., '09, Laurens, S. C.; H. R. Deal, '11, Greenville, S. C.; C. S. Mattison, '11, Anderson, S. C.; J. A. McCay, '11, 1408 Senate St., Columbia, S. C.; S. L.

Morris, '11, 141 Capitol Ave., Atlanta, Ga. Beta has one transfer, Brother N. C. Waller, Mt. Sidney, Va., from Alpha Chapter.

We enjoyed very much having with us for a few days this month Brothers King, Stearns and McDavid, of the class of '06; E. Wilcox, '07; W. B. Gillespie, '07; and S. R. Scott, '08.

There is an abundance of good fraternity material among the new men, and although the half-year rule obliges us to remain hands off for the present, yet we have an eye on several good men, and hope to gather in a goodly number after the Christmas holidays.

Just now football is the all-absorbing topic, and the indications are that Davidson will have the best team she has ever had.

Work is soon to be begun on a new dormitory and probably on a new library also.

The K A's return 8 men, K N 14, N A E 11, and B O II 11.

Wishing for all sister chapters a very prosperous and successful year.

J. W. Todd, Jr.

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Gamma

William and Mary College

The doors of the College of William and Mary are now open for the session of 1908-'09, and from the present prospects it seems as though we are going to have the largest student body that we have ever had. There are now at least 200 students here, and they are still coming in on every train.

The prospects for a bright year for Gamma are good. She has returned six old men and one more is expected soon, which will make seven, and I think with seven good men to start with, we shall have nothing to fear. The following are those returned: J. H. Brent, Heathsville, Va.; C. L. Dirickson, Berlin, Md.; B. T. Payne, 307 Mowbray Arch, Norfolk, Va.; E. M. McCandlish, Saluda, Va.; C. M. Barnes, Williamsburg, Va.; J. S. Newcomb, White Marsh, Va.; B. T. Newton, Hogue, Va.

The strength of the other fraternities is as follows: K \(\S \) 5, K A 8, \(\O \) \(\D \) \(\D \) \(\O \) E 6.

We have not as yet called "Old Billy" into service, but don't think it will be long before we shall have to call on this tried and trusty friend, as we have several good men in view.

We have the same house that we occupied last year, but it doesn't look at all like the same place, as we have succeeded in getting our landlord to paint and clean it up considerable. We are now fixed to take care of any of our alumni who happen to be traveling this way, and I take advantage of this opportunity to extend a cordial invitation to all Pi Kappa Alphas to stop when in this vicinity, and pay us a visit.

We were made glad a few days ago by the appearance of W. B. Newcomb, '05, who is now a Johns Hopkins man; G. G. Hawkins, '06, who is taking medicine at the Medical College of Virginia, and E. F. Shewmake, '07, who is teaching in Newport News, Va. We are always glad to see our alumni and wish that more of them would drop in to see us.

The prospects for a good football team are very bright; there are about thirty-five men on the squad, and under the direction of Coach O'Hearn I think that William and Mary will turn out a championship team.

The appearance of the campus has been very much improved by the erection of a very imposing library which is to cost \$40,000, and it is needless to say that all of the

students are very much pleased at having such an addition to our college.

Gamma wishes all of her sister chapters a flourishing year.

BLAKE TYLER NEWTON.



Delta

Southern University

The opening of the fiftieth session of the Southern University on the sixteenth of September was a propitious one indeed, and all friends of the institution are sanguine as to what the year has in store for them. While at present it is difficult to determine just how large the enrollment will be, yet the outlook is favorable and the year bids fair to be an unusually good one.

Some improvement has been made in the accommodations for the students. The equipment remains practically the same as last year. No changes have been made in the faculty with the exception of an adjunct professor in the Ancient Language Department.

The new students, as far as can be determined at this early date, are somewhat above the average and are offering more credits in entrance requirements than has been the case heretofore. The latter fact happens on account of the rescission by the faculty of the "four months" regulation, which is of vital interest to II K A, as well as to the other fraternities in the institution. The repeal was announced on the opening day and came very unexpectedly and on account of some unavoidable absences of her men, it came in an exceedingly inopportune time for Delta Chapter.

Our ranks at present are very much depleted and Delta is sadly handicapped. However, the few that are upon the scene of action are busying themselves in the struggle

and are getting some worthy men. And just here we wish to introduce our initiates to the fraternity: J. W. Webster, Lapine, Ala.; H. H. McNeill, Jr., Mobile, Ala.; W. C. Cowart, Perote, Ala.; Carlton Penn, Tuskegee, Ala

Last commencement Carl Grote, who graduated, won the U. D. C. medal over a fellow-brother, N. G. Cammach.

The following have returned, so far this year: C. A. DeBardeleben, Greensboro, Ala.; R. P. Cochran, New Market, Ala.; V. M. Shamburger, Cuba, Ala.; A. M. Sellers, LuVerne, Ala.; B. E. Feagin, Pine Apple, Ala. Our graduates are: C. A. Grote, Corona, Ala.; G. M. Watson, Greensboro, Ala.; N. G. Cammach, Auburn, Ala.; J. H. Gunn, Auburn, Ala.; Alex. Gunn, Auburn, Ala.; D. G. Young, Greensboro, Ala.; W. T. Godbold, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

W. T. Godbold, B. R. Shamburger, J. A. Bulloch, Jr., are expected to return in a few days, which will give a good chapter and especially so with the four new members. Besides these, two other last year's men are expected to return the second term. The A T Ω fraternity had ten old men to return; Ξ A E had nine, and K A had ten.

The A T Ω has added three new members to her roll, while the Σ A E and K A have added one each to theirs.

Three of last year's men are attending the Alabama Polytechnic Institute and will affiliate with Upsilon Chapter. They are: N. G. Cammach, Jr., and J. H. and Alex. Gunn.

So little time has elapsed since the opening that nothing definite can be said of the expectations and plans of the student body. At present we will have to limit ourselves to saying that the students are here with spirits replete with enthusiasm and with minds ripe with ambitious projects. II K A, as usual, will have her quota of men in all worthy endeavors and will keep abreast of what is productive of the best interest among the student body.

Delta wishes for all sister chapters success and for the

fraternity such prosperity as it has never before conceived of and pledges her support in a united effort to make it such.

R. P. COCHBAN.

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University of Tennessee

We returned five old men this fall, as follows: W. C. Johnson, F. L. Phipps, J. G. Vogt, E. M. Armstrong, C. E. Lowry. We also have with us Brother Morgan, transferred from Alpha-Kappa, and who comes back to school after a year spent in the mining districts of Mexico and the West. Everyone has entered heart and soul into the work of getting men and by next issue Zeta expects to introduce some of the best new men on the "hill."

Tennessee never had brighter prospects in athletics than this year, for we have a team here that is equal to any in the South, and Zeta will, we think, have two men on it, a fact of which we are justly proud. We have just defeated North Carolina on our brand new athletic field, by a score of 12-0 in one of the best games of football ever witnessed in Knoxville. This was our first game played on our new "University" field, and which is one of the finest in the South.

In classes, Zeta has held her own, too. Phipps was elected president of the Sophomore class and holds the highest honor given a Sophomore in the military department. He is also a member of the scrub team and of the leading literary societies in school. As president of the Sophomore class Phipps held the cane in the annual rush between the Sophomores and "Fish," which we are glad to say, was won by the former, even while we feel sorry for our new men among the latter.

Lowry was elected manager of the Sophomore track

team and we hope to land an office in both the Freshman and Junior classes, and if we do, II K A will indeed be well represented along these lines.

Four of our men are expected to make the glee club and one on both track and baseball teams. We have also two assistants in the department of Mining Engineering. Several men of the university German club are II's and we hope to land an office in that too, so, with all these bright hopes and prospects, Zeta sees nothing but a most brilliant year.

Before closing we want to tell of our informal dinner given on October 3d at the Hotel Imperial in honor of the two visiting brothers, Jarnigan and McAllister, both alumni of Zeta. The affair was a brilliant success in every detail. Brother McAllister presided as toast master.

With best wishes and a hearty cheer for II K A.

KARL R. MORGAN.



Eta

Tulane University

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the death of our late Brother Richardson Homes, who died very suddenly in the early part of this month. Brother Homes was a zealous member of our fraternity and was a constant attendant at the meetings of our chapter last year. Although he was an active member of the alumni chapter here he took a great interest in our affairs and gave us valuable suggestions and advice. In the death of Brother Homes the fraternity has lost a member who will not be forgotten by those who knew him. In the chapter letter of the Alumnus Eta Chapter will be found a short sketch of Brother Homes and resolutions which were passed are published elsewhere in this issue.

The opening of the present collegiate year at Tulane is one of the most eventful that the university has had. To visit the academic campus now, one would hardly think that so many changes could take place in so short a time. The extensive improvements have been principally in the erection of new buildings and extensive additions to some of the older ones.

Probably the most notable is the erection of the new Richardson \$250,000 Memorial Building for the medical department. Heretofore the medical department has been located in the old building on Canal Street which has been completely renovated at a cost of about \$100,000 and will now become the Hutchison Memorial.

Another improvement on the campus is the \$28,000 addition to the Tilton Memorial Library that has been erected by Mrs. Tilton. Plans are now being prepared for a \$40,000 gymnasium.

With these extensive improvements, changes in the curriculum, the establishment of a number of new chairs and laboratories it was of course necessary to increase the faculty and this has been done after very careful deliberation and a great expenditure of money.

Dr. Stanford Emerson Chaille, the venerable retiring Dean of the Medical Department and Emeritus Professor of Physiology, Pathology and Hygiene, after fifty years of efficient service as a teacher and twenty-three years as dean, has retired on a life pension and last season was honored by a jubilee which was a success in every respect. As a memorial to his untiring efforts, a Chair of Hygiene was established.

Dr. Isidore Dyer, the dean this year, is a man of whom any university would be proud. Dr. Dyer's contributions to medical literature on the subject of Leprosy, which he has cured, has made him the international authority on this subject to say nothing of skin diseases in general.

While all these improvements have been going on in the medical department the academic department has also been making a number of changes, although it might be said of this department as was said of the medical, sweeping changes were not required.

Prof. James Marshall Robert, an alumnus of Eta whose record every II points to with pride and who was Acting Professor of Experimental Engineering last session, has been tendered the new Chair of Mechanical Drawing which has heretofore been incorporated in the Chair of Experimental Engineering. The Board of Administrators recognized in Brother Robert a young man of unusual ability and one who would put forth every effort to advance the university. Brother Robert is an untiring and conscientious worker and while we are proud to report this we are not surprised at his success. We believe he is the youngest man on the faculty holding a full professorship. He is an enthusiastic II and an active member of Alumnus Eta Chapter.

A Chair of Pedagogy and Departments of Architecture and Post-Graduate Normal Instruction have been established this year. The entrance requirements have been increased and it is not expected that the student body will be as large as it was last year. The entrance requirements at Tulane are now the same as those of Yale, Harvard, Cornell and in Newcomb, our sister department, are the same as Vassar, Smith, and Wellesley. As an example of the rigidity of the entrance requirements, nearly 40 per cent. of the students who have already applied for admission have failed to pass the entrance examination.

The law department is now located on the academic campus. With the one exception of Trinity College in North Carolina, Tulane is the only university in the South which conducts a law school that requires three years for graduation and maintains entrance requisites high enough to admit it to the Carnegie list of colleges.

Newcomb still holds its place as one of the foremost colleges for the education of women. The litigation over the will of Mrs. Newcomb has been settled and \$2,250,000 is

now added to the Newcomb Endowment Fund. Very extensive improvements in the way of entire new buildings have been planned for the department but are not completed.

A number of members of the faculty who are members of the Phi Beta Kappa have been successful in securing a charter and establishing a chapter at Tulane. Phi Beta Kappa is an honorary society of American scholarship and the faculties of colleges in which chapters are established are usually the only ones eligible for membership.

The football season this year looks very promising, although at this writing it is early to judge. Joe Curtis, the star tackle of Michigan two years ago, who has a very flattering endorsement from Walter Camp, is with us again this year and he has a small squad out every afternoon rounding them up into shape for hard practice and training that starts very soon. We have the advantage of having one-half of the medical students on the campus this year. We will be represented this year on the Varsity by our old all-round star athlete, Menefee, who needs no introduction and who will very probably play a back again this year. "Baby" Smith will again hold down tackle, as he has done so efficiently for the past two years.

The chapter this year will be composed of the following old men to start with: C. L. Smith, J. H. Smith, J. C. Menefee, Pierre J. Delbert, George Pragst, H. C. Maxwell, and we heard that our alumnus, Brother Orloff Henry, who is the secretary of the alumni chapter, will be with us as a post-graduate. We intend to get busy early and have already spotted several good men who we hope to be able to introduce to the fraternity in the December issue

Our alumni have been busy making preparations for the convention in the spring, that we are looking forward to with a great deal of pleasure inasmuch as we will be the hosts. They will not even tell us all their plans, so we think there is going to be something extra fine. We want every member of every chapter to make up his mind right now that he is coming. Boys, there is no reason why you all cannot come instead of sending your representative. Judging from all the plans that have been made, even this early, we are going to have a convention that ia going to be talked about and we don't want any of you to miss it. We have told you something about our college in this letter and we want you to come down and see it. During the winter we expect to tell you something about our city which we would also like to show you, so make your preparations right now to come to the convention.

We want to extend to each and every chapter our very best wishes for a successful season and we hope that all will accept our cordial invitation to come to the convention in New Orleans next spring.

PIERRE JOHN DELBERT.

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Hampdon-Sidney College

Hampden-Sidney College opened her doors for the one hundred and thirty-third time on September 9th. The opening address—considered by many the best heard on "the hill" for a number of years—was delivered by Rev. D. H. Ralston, of Petersburg, Va. At its close Prof. William H. Whiting, who has been elected to act as president until Brother McAllister's successor can be selected, announced that the new session was thus formally opened.

Despite the severe crisis through which the old institution has just passed and the unsettled condition still existing from the board's inability to secure a new head for her faculty, the year's work has been very auspiciously launched. So much better, in fact, do things now appear than in the recent past that her most pessimistic supporters are forced to concede that she is just entering upon an unprecedented era of usefulness and prosperity.

The student body numbers about a hundred men among whom the fraternities seem to find a considerable amount of material. Iota, however, is pursuing a conservative policy and thus far has initiated only one man. H. Wallace Blanton, whom I take great pride in introducing to the brothers all over our sunny Southland. With his addition our number is brought up to ten, the roll being as follows: William W. Martin, Richmond, Va.: Frank C. Brown, Lewisburg, W. Va.: W. Hodges Mann, Jr., Nottaway. Va.: Graham Gilmer. Draper. Va.: George L. Walker, Blacksburg, Va.: Wyndham B. Blanton, Rich, mond. Va.: Thomas A. Painter, Pulaski, Va.; H. Wallace Blanton, Richmond, Va.; Archer C. Buchanan, Tazewell, Va.: P. Tulane Atkinson, Hampden-Sidney, Va. numerical standing of the fraternities here is as follows: K Σ 12 men, X Φ 9, K A 5, and B Θ II 4. Doubtless, without an exception they will be slightly augmented before our next issue.

Already we are the recipients of honors at the hands of our fellow students. Iota is represented on the staff of the college annual by three men, in the officers of the general athletic association by its secretary and treasurer, while the vice-president of the Junior class and the secretary and treasurer of the Senior class are also from among our number. With such a beginning we hope even to eclipse our record of last year, concerning the latter part of which I wish to say a few words. At the final celebration of the college it was discovered that the II's were accredited as follows: The Junior Essayist's Medal, the Junior-Senior Magazine Medal, also the Sophomore-Freshman Magazine Medal (both given by the faculty for the best article coming from a member of the Junior or Senior classes and from the Freshman or Sophomore classes). the Debater's Medal, the prize of \$50 for the best essay. on "Ante-Bellum Virginia," a prize scholarship of the Junior class, a third honor and manager-elect of the Democratic Club.

Interest is now centered on football and every effort is being made to put a pennant-winning team on the gridiron this fall. Iota has four aspirants for football honors and her prospects seem bright for at least one representative on the "Varsity."

A few months ago it seemed very probable that Iota's home would soon be moved to other quarters, a determined move being in vogue to transplant the old college in new soil. The alumni and friends, however, raised a determined and stubborn opposition to which was added financial support—a thing much needed at this time. A strong and successful effort is being made to increase her endowment and improve her grounds. When this is completed 'tis thought that the talk of removal will be practically hushed forever. And from her old abode Iota hopes long to continue the interchange of courtesies with her sister chapters.

Best wishes for the individual chapters and our beloved organization as a united brotherhood.

P. TULANE ATKINSON.



Theta

Southwestern Presbyterian University

S. P. U. opened on September 15th with a good attendance. Several old men did not return but more than enough Freshmen have matriculated to fill up the broken ranks.

Theta was not an exception to the rest of the school, but shows up well for the first week of the term. We lost three of our number last year by graduation but all the other members returned and in addition we have with us J. D. Crosby and R. A. Bolling, who joined in 1905 but

have not been with us for the last two years. The following is a list of our members at present: W. H. Rothrock, Somerville, Tenn.; B. E. McFadden, Warren, Tenn.; A. Stokes, Gloster, Miss.; R. A. Bolling, Centerville, Miss.; W. G. Miller, Clarksville, Tenn.; J. D. Crosby, Stockton, Ala.; C. Taffe, Louisville, Ky.; J. C. McQueen, New Orleans, La.; E. C. Scott, Columbus, Miss.; W. H. Armistead, Madison, Tenn.; G. F. McLeod, Moss Point, Miss.

We have not yet had time to take in any new men but have in mind at least four whom we hope to introduce to the fraternity in our next letter.

At commencement in June, Theta came off with a full share of honors. W. H. and J. T. Rothrock were elected faculty orators, Brother Creson graduated with highest honors in theology; Brother J. T. Rothrock won the Mack Bible medal.

There are four fraternities in school, as follows: K I has 17 members; A T Ω has 11 members, I A E has 9 members, and II K A has 11 members.

The football season was opened on September 26th, when S. P. U. played Vanderbilt at Nashville. The whole school was very much elated over the outcome of this game, for while we have heretofore been considered out of the class of the champions of the South, they did their best playing and only succeeded in piling up a score of 11 to 5. We have on our schedule several of the best teams in the South and the manager looks forward to the best season in the history of S. P. U.

Theta extends best wishes to her sister chapters for a pleasant and profitable year.

W. G. MILLER.

Kappa

Transylvania University

The sunburned faces have at last shown up and present a splendid picture of real country life. Along with the brown spots on the face you can easily see a determination to do the best thing at the best time for the best fraternity that we know.

Only three old men are back, but their immediate work, so carefully guided, is causing pledge buttons to shine and in a very short time we expect to have a bunch of members that are, in every way, the right kind.

I am delighted to state that Kappa has the brightest prospect that she has had for many years, as the Freshmen are showing up in good form and unless I am badly mistaken, both of our Kentucky chapters will soon be in a good prosperous condition. The Kappa Alphas have seven old men back and as yet no initiates. We have three back and their home addresses are as follows: J. M. Meng, North Middletown, Ky.; Dave J. Howard, Versailles, Ky., and Howard Forman, Lexington, Ky.

The prospects for a winning team are also very good, having nine old players back and an enormous bunch of new men who look and act like football players. One of the most important is McCord Taylor, the high school's star fullback, and he is boosted as a terrible tornado that will completely destroy any defense that can possibly be put up against him. J. M. Meng and Dave Howard, both II's, and members of last year's team, are looking fine and their good work of last year causes wonderful things to be expected this season. Evans and Campbell are greatly missed.

I am also glad to state that as a whole, Transylvania is in a very prosperous condition, having recently added a very fine science building to its campus, and a very popular man as president. We regret very much that Prof. McCartney continued to refuse this honor and that he finally resigned, for he had won the love of the entire student body, but since he felt it necessary to act only as professor, we feel that his place has been adequately filled by Dr. Crossfield, commonly known in college as a jolly good fellow and a profound lover of athletics.

Wishing all a successful year.

D. J. HOWARD.



Mu

Presbyterian College of South Carolina

Mu has six of her last year's men back in school: D. W. A. Neville, Clinton, S. C.; G. C. McDonald, Sumter, Ga.; C. D. Harrall, Bennettsville, S. C.; D. B. Smith, Reidville, S. C.; W. S. Bean, Jr., Clinton, S. C.; H. K. Sligh, Clemson, S. C.

So far we have not had any transfers nor have we taken in any new members, but we hope to be able to introduce some new brothers at an early date.

Brother E. L. Power, who received his degree of A.B. in June, is with us, preparing for a civil service examination, and has been a great help towards getting us started in for the year's work.

There is only one other fraternity in school, the Π K Φ , with only four men in school.

College opened on September 23d with a very good attendance. We have about one hundred students and are looking for a few more within the next few days. We had the pleasure of seeing two of our brothers in our town within the last two weeks: A. G. Fewell, an alumnus of Mu, who is now studying medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, and G. W. Grier, an alumnus of Nu, who is now holding a position with the Prudential Insurance Co.

We are not allowed to play football in our school but already plans are being made for the baseball season. Brother McDonald is manager of the team and he will do his best to bring the pennant to our college this spring.

Here's hoping that this will be the greatest year Pi Kappa Alpha has ever had and that each brother will have a successful year.

W. S. BEAN, JR.

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Omicron

Richmond College

Omicron begins the session of 1908-'09 with but five of last year's men returned. George Wright, W. M. Nance, Allan Chambers, Spencer Gill and P. T. Atkins. However, J. P. Snead, of '04, has returned to take up his college work again and will be with us during the year. making six men to begin operations. Dummy Wright. who expects to enter the law school at Washington and Lee, will be with us for a week or more and help us to get things started in the proper way. Of the eight men we lose, Robertson, Woodfin and Stich are practicing attorneys, having received their degrees last June and later successfully took the State Board Examination. and R. C. Duval are teaching school this year, expecting to return to college in September, 1909, but they will be sorely missed during the present year. Ananson has entered V. P. I. and hopes shortly to be building railroads in his native state. Purce Wright is preparing to enter the naval academy, with hopes of taking the next trip with Uncle Sam's ships around the world, and Dummy Wright will shortly enter Washington & Lee.

Despite the scarcity of numbers at present, we hope to get several men from the Freshman class who will make valuable additions to our chapter. There are plenty

of "rats" but desirable material is at a premium and all the other fraternities are busy, but we have hopes of getting our share of the spoils.

College interest at present is centered on the football team. We lose five of last year's veterans and must work hard to fill their places, but there is some good material out every afternoon, and Coach Dunlap believes he has several embryonic stars. The rooters club has gone to work and it is certain that "Old R. C." will give a good account at the initial game with Maryland Agricultural College. Wright is captain of the eleven this year and is ready and willing to deliver the goods at end again this year. Chambers, Gill and Atkins will doubtless share the honors with "der captain" of representing Omicron on the field.

College opens this year with prospects slightly better than last, when she passed the 300 mark in her history. Class-room work was started yesterday, and by the end of the week the routine will be familiar and that delightful grinding will again be the order of the day.

Omicron extends happy greetings to all and wishes that this year may be the most delightful of them all.

P. T. ATKINS.



Pi

Washington and Lee University

Washington and Lee University opened on September 17th, with prospects for the largest student body ever seen at this institution, with a total number of 521 matriculated to date and more to follow.

The annual push ball contest, between the Sophomores and Freshmen, will take place on Saturday, September 26th, at 4:30 p. m., and is looked forward to with much interest as an opportunity to size up the physical abili-

ties of the large number of Freshmen now on hand numbering 220.

We are also glad to say that the new Carnegie Library is open this year and regularly used for the purpose for which it was constructed, at a cost of \$55,000, exclusive of equipment and is a great addition to the college buildings as well as a model in completeness.

Pi Chapter is well represented by nine old men returned, who are as follows: J. M. Arnold, Norfolk, Va.; S. A. Beard, Houston, Tex.; L. J. Boxley, Roanoke, Va.; W. T. Hall, Gainesville, Ga.; J. H. Lyle, Rockbridge Co., Va.; J. L. Rincon Ryan, Antonio, Mex.; J. H. Tabb, Gloucester Co., Va.; L. C. Witten, Martinsville, Va.; F. L. Wyson, Clifton Forge, Va. Transfers, six, as follows: A. W. Albertson, Jacksonville, Fla.; E. V. Kellner, Gainesville, Miss.; J. S. Sumrall, Laurel, Miss.; T. P. Trigg, Jr., Abingdon, Va.; W. W. Trigg, Abingdon, Va.; A. L. Wolfe, Roanoke, Va. Initiates: None at present.

Honors taken by members last session: McMurran, B.S.; Arnold, Penn and Watkins, LL.B.; Hodges, who was coach of track team last year, will not return this year; he has accepted a position with the United States Government.

There are seventeen fraternities at college this year, names and numbers as follows: Φ K Ψ, 5 returned, 7 goats; K A, 10 returned, 3 goats; A T Ω, 7 returned, 3 goats; Σ X, 6 returned, 3 goats; Σ A E, 13 returned, 2 goats; Φ Γ Δ, 11 returned, 2 goats; K Σ, 10 returned, 2 goats; Σ N, 8 returned; Φ Δ Θ, 8 returned, 3 goats; Π K A, 9 returned; Φ K Σ, 11 returned, 3 goats; Δ T Δ, 8 returned, 2 goats; Δ Σ Φ, 4 returned; Σ Φ E, 3 returned, 3 goats; Θ K, 15 returned; A X C (local), 6 returned, 1 goat.

Pi Chapter is also highly honored by the presence of W. B. and L. A. McMurran, of Newport News, Va; G. E. Penn, Jr., Abingdon, Va.; H. H. Darnell, Berkley,

W. Va.; Moomaw, Roanoke, Va., as visitors to see the start and extend us their best wishes. Their presence has been a source of great pleasure to the members and in this connection I will say that we have almost induced W. R. McMurran to matriculate and remain with us again this year, which we hope will be the final result of his visit.

We beg to extend our sincere thanks to our sister chapters who have so kindly contributed to our ranks the valuable and highly appreciated transfers, also to extend them our best wishes for a speedy recovery of their loss by new additions. We hope we are all well satisfied with our past efforts which we will increase this session.

J. M. ARNOLD.



Tau

University of North Carolina

Tau Chapter greets her sister chapters and wishes them much success for the school year which has just begun. May it be one of which we all shall be justly proud.

The chapter roll is as follows: J. M. Wiggins, Suffolk, Va.; J. R. Mercer, Elm City, N. C.; J. C. M. Vann, Monroe, N. C.; W. M. Snider, Salisbury, N. C.; J. H. Boushall, Raleigh, N. C.; R. R. Smith, Rock Hill, S. C.; C. S. Flagler, Stroudsburg, Pa. Transfers: J. D. Philips, Meredith, Fla. Initiates: B. G. Cowper, Jr., Raleigh, N. C.

It gives us great pleasure to introduce Brother Cowper to the fraternity and may they both live long and prosper. Three of last year's brothers are not among those who returned this year. They are W. C. Coughenhour, who is a professor at Horner's Military School; Carrol Wiggins, who is at the University of Pennsylvania, and Stanley Winborne, who, having obtained his license in August, is practicing law in his home town, Murfreesboro, N. C.

Winborne paid a short visit to the chapter soon after the university opened.

Monday, September 14th, was our regular night for initiation and we had as visitors Brothers Lee, Gaut, Stewart, and Whitley, from Trinity College. The banquet after the initiation was one long to be remembered. It was served by Marse Jesse, the colored caterer of the college, and the menu was quite elaborate. Though there was only one initiation, the occasion was indeed an enjoyable one.

There are at present ten fraternities in this university. The following is a list of these, with the number in each chapter, respectively: $Z \Psi$, 14; Σ N, 13; A T Ω , 18; K A, 15; Σ A E, 17; B Θ II, 14; Δ K E, 20; Φ Δ Θ , 15; K Σ , 16; II K A, 9.

During the summer there was completed the new biological laboratory which bears the name "Davie Hall." This building is the second given to us by the State and it is named for one of the men who helped to found the university. The most famous tree on the campus is named also for Davie but as this is on the rapid road to decay and may probably succumb to the next wintry storm it is indeed fitting that some more stable means be used for commemorating the name of the man who did so much for Carolina's existence.

While the student body has not increased materially the prospects for football this year are brighter than ever before. There are over fifty candidates for the Varsity, from whom Coach Greene, of Pennsylvania, is picking a team that it will be hard to equal. II K A is represented on the football field by Wiggins.

The Y. M. C. A. is beginning to be very active and one of the features of its work this year will be Bible Study Courses, in the fraternities. Much good is expected from this movement in which II K A took the initiative, having had a group of this kind during the past year.

John H. Boushall.

Upsilon

Alabama Polytechnic Institute

Upsilon starts the new year with a good supply of old men on hand and an unusually large amount of fraternity material among the new students. The number of matriculates at Auburn this year surpasses all former records, the total being six hundred and fifty, and at least one hundred more are expected to enroll before the end of the year. From the new men we have initiated four, all of whom will aid us greatly in gaining more laurels for Pi Kappa Alpha. I take pleasure in introducing P. S. Avery, Pensacola, Fla.; E. A. Major, Birmingham. Ala.: L. B. Ordway. Murfreesboro, Tenn.: T. F. Parker. Birmingham, Ala. We also have with us three transfers from Delta whose names and addresses A. Gunn, Thomasville, Ala.; J. H. are as follows: Gunn, Thomasville, Ala.; N. G. Cammack, Eleanor, Ala. The old men who returned this year are: E. L. Davis. Oak Grove, Ala.; J. E. Davis, Oak Grove, Ala.: R. B. Ellyson, Citronelle, Ala.; L. B. Forbes, Birmingham. Ala.; S. Hall, Birmingham, Ala.; F. P. Jones, Birmingham, Ala.: W. Oliver, Houston, Texas; F. Ordway, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Y. Shackelford, Montgomery, Ala.; W. H. Venable, Birmingham, Ala.; J. J. Weatherly, Anniston. Ala.: C. C. Yonge, Pensacola, Fla. Brother J. G. Hanlin, of Sheffield, Ala., will be with us again in a short time.

Football is the topic of the day here now, and Auburn's prospects for a good team this year are exceptionally good. With all but three of last year's team and the large supply of raw material under the coaching of Dwyer, the former star center on Pennsylvania's team, we are expecting to turn out an eleven that will hold its own against any in the South.

Our track team is preparing for the large meet to be

held in Montgomery about the fifteenth of October, between the colleges and athletic clubs of the State. Upsilon is ably represented in this branch of athletics by J. E. Davis, who will take part in the pole vault and high jump.

The standing of the other fraternities in college are s $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 18; $\Sigma A E$, 17; ΣN , 15; $A T \Omega$, 19; K A, 17; $K \Sigma$, 16. The $K \Sigma$'s have just moved into their new chapter house, which is one of the most beautiful places in town.

Owing to the large number of men in college this year, it was found necessary to form a new company and divide the companies into two battalions. In the appointment of officers, Upsilon received her share: Ellyson was appointed first lieutenant; Oliver, sergeant-major of first battalion, and Davis and Yonge, sergeants. We deeply regret that Brother Roddy was not able to return to college this year, as he would have been promoted to a captain had he been here.

We wish all sister chapters a most successful year in the upbuilding of Pi Kappa Alpha.

JNO. J. WEATHERLY.

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Phi

Rosnoke College

The official opening of Roanoke College took place on Wednesday, September 16th. The opening address was delivered by a member of the faculty.

There are about two hundred students enrolled already and new men come in every day or two. The "rats" seem to be of a better class of boys than we have had for several years. They look as if we could find some men for Phi among them. Phi certainly needs men. I am the only man back but I expect Brother Robertson, who was here in

1906, to be back in a few days. When he comes in we will put "billy" to work.

The football manager was fortunate in getting Brother F. A. Connor (Phi), as coach this fall. He will be a help to the chapter.

We have started a minstrel, which will be given about the 20th. The proceeds will go to athletics.

II K A is the only fraternity in college, so we do not have to be in a great hurry to get our new men. I think we will weather the storm.

A. G. Fox.



Chi

University of the South

Chi has begun the new year with six old men, as follows: F. J. H. Coffin, 430 Oak St., Chicago, Ill.; G. O. Watts, Manitowoc, Wis.; W. L. Berry, Franklin, Tenn.; C. J. Ellis, Jr., Rayville, La.; B. N. McCraven, Jr., 1203, McKinney Ave., Houston, Texas; H. J. Whitfield, Columbus, Miss.

The fraternities are not allowed to take in men until one week after the university opens, so we have no one to introduce to the fraternity now but we hope to report several initiations in the next letter.

At our commencement in June, Chi took her share of the honors. Prentiss won the Isaac Marion Dwight Medal for Philosophical and Biblical Greek; Watts won the Master's Medal for Latin; and Berry, the Van Winder Shields Medal for English Poetry. We lost by graduation in June, P. T. Prentiss and J. F. McCloud, both of whom are now ministers in Atlanticville, S. C., and Nashville, Tenn., respectively.

All the other fraternities in the university are flourishing. The respective strength in numbers is: A T Ω , 7; Σ A E, 9; K Σ , 10; Φ Δ Θ , 10; Δ T Δ , 13, and K A, 13.

The university opened with a larger enrollment than last year, and this fact is attributed largely to the change of term which has just gone into effect this year. The prospects for a good football team this year are unusually bright. Five of last year's team have already returned and two more are expected daily. One man from the 1906 team who remained out of college last year, has returned and will be in the game. The schedule this year is an unusually hard one, including games with Virginia, Auburn, Tech, St. Louis University, Kentucky State, and Vanderbilt.

With best wishes to the sister chapters for a most successful year.

HENRY J. WHITFIELD.

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Psi

North Georgia Agricultural College

Our college opened this year with about 250 students and the prospects for a promising year are very good. Eight of our last year's men have returned; only two were lost by graduation the past year; the men that have returned are: T. O. Galloway, Elberton, Ga.; C. E. Power, Vienna, Ga.; J. A. Barnes, Atlanta, Ga.; F. H. Harley, Valdosta, Ga.; F. H. Henderson, Chickamauga, Ga.; E. W. McElroy, Norcross, Ga.; E. D. Willingham, Atlanta, Ga.; W. Akers, Atlanta, Ga. We have one new initiate so far, Julian Ellison, of Waynesboro, Ga., and it is with great pleasure that we announce his name to the fraternity. The X N Fraternity has seven of their old men back.

Football has started and "Skinny" Shipp, of Suwanee, Tenn., has been secured to coach the team; practice has started and we expect to have a winning team this fall; Brother Galloway is captain, and Brother Power has been elected to manage the team, and Brother Henderson is a Varsity man.

On the college grounds during the summer several improvements have been made and the looks are improved very much, an addition has been made to the department of the School of Mines. An Assaying Department and assaying furnace have been added and also a forge shop.

It is very pleasant to be back with all the brothers again and to have the news of the other chapters. Let every man work and make this the biggest year II K A has ever had.

WILLIAM AKERS.

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Omega

State University

College reopened September 9, and it found many of our old members back. This year we shall be known as State University students, as the name of the institution has been changed during the summer.

As to Omega's strength—we have two members in the faculty, as well as seven men returned. The II's at State University are: Prof. Alfred Zembrod, Lexington, Ky.; Prof. Leon K. Frankel, Lexington, Ky.; T. J. Orr, Princeton, Ky.; Geo. Goodwin, Lexington, Ky.; Beckley Hedges, Lexington, Ky.; D. F. Lee, Campbellsville, Ky.; C. F. Kelly, Crafton, Pa.; Jno. Wilhoit, Versailles, Ky.; W. W. Hillenmeyer, Lexington, Ky. We have not initiated anyone yet, but have two pledges.

We had several visitors from Alpha-Lambda during the month. Brother Fulton, of Alpha, has also been with us for a few weeks but has returned home to take up his duties as principal of the Bardstown high school. He was a jolly fellow and we were sorry to lose him so soon.

Omega and Kappa Chapters have their rooms together,

as usual. We are in the same building but do not live so high up, as we have come down a floor, being now on the second floor. Our halls are neat and well kept, as every member takes active interest in it. We are very conveniently located, being in the very center of the town.

The fraternities at college number seven. Besides II K. A, we have K A, 8; Φ Δ Θ , 12; K Σ , 8; Σ A E, 16; Σ N, 10; Σ X, 11.

Football practice has started and State has fine prospects of a championship team. No II's are likely to make the team, but the coach and his assistant are both loyal II's. J. White Guyn, our coach, is known the State over for his football tactics and this year he expects to duplicate the feat of turning out the "champs" of Kentucky, and a team second to but one of the South. White's assistant was another football "star." In the person of Dr. E. Crouly Elliott we have another loyal II and a man ever interested in college life. We have a hard schedule this year; our greatest game will be against Michigan next month. Transylvania and State do not meet this year, for a misunderstanding between these two.

Our venerable vice-president died last Tuesday. He was a man of strong character and greatly loved by the student body. He had completed his eightieth year. His connection with the university covered a period of over thirty years, holding during that time the Chair of Latin and Greek.

All Π 's are welcome to Lexington for we always show them a good time.

We wish much success to each and every chapter.

W. W. HILLENMEYER.



Alpha-Alpha

Trinity College

Alpha-Alpha opens this year with very good prospects.

We have only three members now enrolled in college, viz. IT. C. Whitley, Bonnerton, N. C.; R. M. Gantt, Belwood, N. C.; and W. S. Stewart, Charlotte, N. C. Three of last year's members graduated, namely: A. L. Lee, Monroe, N. C.; F. H. Lee, Monroe, N. C.; and Pierce Wyche, Laurinburg, N. C. A. L. Lee has entered into the mercantile business with his father in his home town. F. H. Lee has taken up the cotton mill business. Pierce Wyche is teaching in Hastoc high school, Spartanburg, S. C. Brother Ross also did not return to college. He is now in the mercantile business at Ayden, N. C.

We hope to introduce a number of good men to II K A fraternity at the time of initiation, which takes place February 1st.

The following are the fraternities in college, also number of members in each: A T O, 8; K Z, 11; K A, 6; II K A, 3.

The number of students enrolled in college this year is about 300. The Freshman class, which numbers about 130, is the largest in the history of the college.

Some of us, together with Brother A. L. Lee, who was visiting in the park for several days at the opening of college, visited the brothers of Tau Chapter at the time of their initiation, September 12th. After the initiation a banquet was served, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It always gives us great pleasure to visit the brothers of Tau when an opportunity presents itself.

Here's hoping all our sister chapters may have a very successful year.

W. S. STEWART.

Alpha-Gamma

Louisiana State University

The L. S. U. threw open its portals on September 11th and from all indications, the present session will be the most successful in the history of the institution. At present everything is in a choatic condition, as matriculates are still coming in, so a definite analysis of the college condition from the viewpoint of a Greek is as yet impossible. However, we doubt not but that from the new students as many available recruits to the Greek world will be found as ordinarily.

From the standpoint of its financial conditions, the L. S. U. has never before been so well cared for, as the last legislature appropriated more money for its maintenance than ever before in its history. In addition to this, appropriations were made to complete the new chemistry laboratory and the alumni building, both now in the process of construction. These buildings when completed will add much to the beauty of our historic campus.

The following II's returned: W. H. Thompson, Harrisonburg, La.; T. B. Beale, Baton Rouge, La.; S. E. Mary, Brusby, La.; G. P. Lesley, Carencro, La.; T. M. Wade, Jr., Newellton, La. Although few in number, we are working hard and ere the next letter we hope to have several initates to report. Several men we had expected to take in at the opening of the university failed to return, which explains why we have no initiates to report now.

The interest of the student body is at present centered on the football squad. Although training only was commenced a week ago and as yet the Varsity has not been picked, still we can safely predict that we will have a winning team in spite of many hard games.

Alpha-Gamma wishes all of the chapters a successful year. Let us make this the best in our history.

THOS. M. WADE, JR.

Alpha-Delta

Georgia School of Technology

After a most pleasant summer, the boys who composed last year's Alpha-Delta are coming back for another year at Tech. But, we are sorry to say, some of our best fellows will not be with us. King, who has for two years taken such an active part in the chapter's work, has entered the cotton business in Cedartown, Ga. McGary, also, will not be with us. We were hoping for the return of W. I. Adams, G. B. Lampkin, and J. W. Flythe, but were disappointed. However, with the following we are starting the year's work: B. B. Adams, N. E. Adamson, Jr., D. H. Brown, H. M. Houser, S. N. Hodges, J. A. Tommins, and R. H. Williams.

School starts on October 5th, this week being devoted entirely to examinations and re-examinations.

The football squad, of course, is the next greatest recipient of our thoughts. Prospects are a little bit better than usual. We are hoping that examinations will not play havoc with some of the squad. Brother Houser will represent Alpha-Delta on the football field.

The Kappa Alpha Fraternity has opened a chapter house near Tech. They, together with the Z A E's, are the only ones, thus far, who have houses at Tech. There are, however, rumors of a Phi Delta Theta and a A T O chapter house in the near future. All the fraternities are busy with the new men, and Alpha-Delta is getting in some good work. We have several men under consideration and hope to introduce some new brothers in our next letter.

Every one in the chapter seems full of interest and determination to make this the best year in our history. We wish for each chapter a most pleasant and successful year.

N. E. ADAMSON, JR.

Alpha-Epsilon

North Carolina A. & M. College

When this college opened on the third of September eight old men were back anxious to do all in their power to strengthen the chapter and the whole fraternity. Those who are back are: W. R. Marshall, Rocky Mount, N. C.; T. K. Bruner, Raleigh, N. C.; J. L. Springs, Georgetown, D. C.; J. A. Powell, Raleigh, N. C. (post-grad); J. M. Bradfield, Charlotte, N. C.; John Knox, Raleigh, N. C.; C. A. Stedman, Greensboro, N. C.; D. H. Hill, Jr., Raleigh, N. C.

This year we count ourselves extremely lucky to have as a transfer, H. F. Morton, from Beta Chapter. For several years he was one of Beta's most earnest workers and while at Davidson College was one of its famous football players. We are more than glad to have Brother Morton with us.

Since the beginning of this session we have added three new men to the ranks of II K A: Robert Bencini, High Point, N. C.; Willis Holding, Raleigh, N. C.; Archie Wakefield, Charlotte, N. C.

Football is now in order at this institution and as the time for the season to open draws near, any one who is acquainted with this college can not fail to notice that our prospects for a winning team are indeed better than those of any previous year. Even such a coach as Dr. Mickie Whitehurst, our past season's coach, who turned out the 1907 champions of the South, will have his powers taxed to select the best eleven men to represent this college on the gridiron for the coming season. Never before has such a large crowd of old and experienced football players presented themselves as candidates for the various positions. Almost all of the members of last year's team are back and the vacant positions will be well taken care of by the new men. Alpha-Epsilon is ably represented on the squad by Marshall, Morton and Bruner.

Since the past session this college has undergone some important changes in the faculty. Dr. G. T. Winston, who for the past ten years was president of this institution, resigned this summer. He was succeeded by Dr. D. H. Hill, who has held the Chair of English since the foundation of the college. There are also several other changes and now there are new men at the head of English, Mechanical, Electrical and Agricultural departments.

The members of this chapter gave a smoker to their prospective members, soon after the opening of college. Music, stories, jokes and anecdotes were the order of the evening, after which delightful refreshments were served and it proved a most enjoyable evening to all present.

This chapter was very much gratified to learn that an alumnus chapter was formed here in Raleigh during the summer, and feel that much benefit will be derived by contact with so many experienced fraternity men.

The college battalion is fast getting in shape for the annual competition drill between the companies. This event takes place each year during the State fair. The rivalry between the companies is very strong and each one is striving hard to get the much coveted honor of being the best drilled company on the "hill."

As near as can be ascertained the following is the relative strength of the other fraternities in college: K Z, 9; Z N, 10; Z P E, 7; K A, 14.

We hope that all of the chapters will have a most successful year.

D. H. HILL, JR.



Alpha-Zeta

University of Arkansas

Once again Alpha-Zeta sends greetings to her sister chapters, and joins them in wishing this to be the crown-

ing year of Pi Kappa Alpha's career. Indeed, when we look over the goodly number of the old men returned we feel that the II's in Arkansas are at last coming into their own, and can justly claim a position among the highest of the Greeks. In our school a faculty provision requires all men to complete fifteen hours of first term Freshman work, before they are eligible to join a fraternity. In this way very few men are taken in before the February term, and little or no rushing is indulged in before that time.

Last year, owing to the rigidity of the first semester's examinations, very few men became eligible, and it was not until after the June examinations that the year's "crop" came in. Therefore for all the year Alpha-Zeta ran on her fourteen old men returned, and for a time it looked like the year would be ended without an addition, but during commencement, six eligibles, on whom we had set the seal of approval, decided to cast their lot with us and forthwith on three separate occasions, the initiatory ceremony was performed and the following men introduced to Pi Kappa Alpha: Henry Scott Yocum, Eldorado, Ark.: Hendrick Alphin, Eldorado, Ark.: William K. Smith, Malvern, Ark.; Lynn Goodwin, Eldorado, Ark.; Thomas J. Barnett, Eureka Springs, Ark.: John P. Nelson, Muskogee, Okla. Yocum was introduced in the June He was one of the pitchers on last year's team, and is Alpha-Zeta's dependence in the athletic line, for the present year. Alphin was won after one of the strongest fights ever witnessed between fraternities in the University of Arkansas, and is our "ladies man." Smith is a brother of our Rush Smith, who graduated last year, and he is already gaining a place in the hearts of every one by his kindly good humor. Goodwin also has a brother in Alpha-Zeta in the person of the scribe, and is our student. Barnett hails from Eureka, where all the pretty girls accumulate and therefore it is quite unnecessary to make any further comment. Nelson from Oklahoma, also visits the fair sex, when not engaged with "other studies." So you see we are well represented along all lines.

School opened on the 16th of September and at first things looked dark. The other fraternities returned their men early, and all were full except Pi Kappa Alpha. When the first gong sounded, only three were on hand, and two of these were local men. But in the course of the next few days they began to come in, and at the present writing our roll stands as follows: Ashleigh P. Boles, Fayetteville, Ark.; Edward F. Woodson, Huntington, Ark.; Roy R. Chamberlain, Malvern. Ark.; Ivor Gough, McCurtain, Okla.: William A. Koser, Marion, Ark.; Chalmers B. Boles, Fayetteville, Ark.; Henry S. Yocum, Eldorado, Ark.: Hendrick Alphin, Eldorado, Ark.: Lynn Goodwin, Eldorado, Ark.; William K. Smith, Malvern; Ark.: Thomas J. Barnett, Eureka Springs, Ark.: John P. Nelson, Muskogee, Okla. The following will return before October 1st: Roy Goodwin, Eldorado, Ark.; Herbert Martin, Warren, Ark. This will give us a numerical strength of fourteen on which we ran all of last year. Then we can always depend on our town alumni, who are: Samuel G. Davies, Zenas L. Reagan, Mack F. Thompson. Lloyd R. Byrne.

A. P. Boles and Woodson, of last year's class, are pursuing post-graduate courses. Chamberlain is our only Senior. P. W. Bailey and R. E. Shipley, we regret to say, will not be with us this year, though Shipley will return next season. He is employed in an architect's office in Oklahoma City and is working on a chapter in the University of Oklahoma, with good prospects of success. Bailey is working in the drug business at Warren, Ark., his home.

Of our last year's Seniors, M. F. Thompson, though elected to a professorship in the Electrical Engineering Department of the university, gave it up and is now working in the employ of the Fayetteville Electric Light and Power Company. Woodson and Boles are in school.

"Doc" Thompson is at his home, Warren, for a year before taking medicine at Johns Hopkins. Rush Smith is in the hardware business at Malvern. Reagan is connected with the Fayetteville National Building and Loan Association.

Of the honors last year. Reagan was lieutenant and adjutant of the First Battalion, and was voted the best military man in school by the student body. His name was also sent in to the War Department on account of his having shown special aptitude for military service. A. P. Boles was on the Y. M. C. A. lecture board, color sergeant of the Second Battalion and city editor of the University Weekly. Woodson was first lieutenant of Company B and treasurer of the Senior class. Smith was second lieutenant of Company D. Thompson was color sergeant of the First Battalion. M. F. Thompson was first lieutenant of Company A, and instructor in electrical engineering. Chamberlain and Koser were sergeants. Goodwin. Gough, Bailey and Shipley were corporals, and Yocum was pitcher on the Varsity baseball team. On account of the anti-fraternity legislation existing in the college, honors come slowly to frat men. By law, they can hold no office higher than lieutenant in the cadet battalion and the feeling in all voting contests is so high, that two tickets are always put up, one by the Barbs and the other by the Greeks, and as the former are greatly in the majority, things don't often come our way. By law we have no graduation distinction, so in this also we are cut off. But in point of honors we rank well with the other local chapters represented.

As to the relative strength of the other fraternities it is hard at this time to enumerate them, but all returned good strong chapters. Kappa Sigma, Sigma Chi, and Sigma Nu are installed in rented chapter houses, while Kappa Alpha, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Pi Kappa Alpha, occupy rooms in one of the buildings on the public square. The

Sigma Alpha Epsilon boys board at one house and in this way keep in close touch with each other. The two sororities, Chi Omega and Zeta Tau Alpha, occupy rooms in two residences of the town, and Gamma Epsilon Delta, a local sorority petitioning Pi Beta Phi, is installed in the most beautiful chapter house in the city. Theta Nu Epsilon as usual is in the dark. These, together with Chi Zeta Chi, the medical fraternity, comprise the Greek strength of the university.

As explained before, there is but little rushing before February, but Pi Kappa Alpha will be right there, and now has her eye on six good men, whom we have no doubt we will soon introduce to the Pi Kappa Alpha goat.

Roy Goodwin.



Alpha-Eta

University of Florida

After our holidays of four months we are back once more to the dear old University of Florida. We are looking forward to accomplishing much, for the welfare and prosperity of II K A this coming year, and all are hoping to make it the most prosperous and successful of any year since Alpha-Eta has been established. We have several men under consideration, which, if we are successful, will add greatly to the strength of our chapter. So far we have not had the pleasure of an initiate. Brother Albertson will not be with us this year as he entered Washington and Lee. We know he will find the chapter larger, still he can't forget his old chapter, Alpha-Eta.

On returning we find C. B. Hangleton, H. E. Bonis, C. W. Bartleson, Jr., and L. K. Riley, Jr., of Jacksonville, and E. D. McRae of Gainesville. The absence of our last year's brothers was regretted by us all.

Many improvements are to our advantage this year.

Our military looks brighter than in the past, and under our new commandant, we think all will become more interested, and by the time the inspecting officer arrives we will present satisfaction.

Our student body this year is larger than last and we hope it will continue.

We hope soon to have our home on the campus. It will be one that we all should be proud of and I am sure we will.

Although last year our football team won the State championship, we are looking for better prospects this season. Our last year's coach, Forsyth, is not with us much to our regret, but our new one is expecting to do much in the way of athletics. There has already been scheduled several games with the State colleges, but our first one is to be played at Macon, with Mercer, on October 12th. We hope we may be successful in arranging a game with our next-door State neighbor, University of Georgia.

Besides Π K A this year we have the A T Ω , 15 men, and K A, 12 men; so the fraternities at the university are making headway, considering our numbers.

LEWIS K. REILEY, JR.



Alpha-Theta

West Virginia University

Alpha-Theta begins this, her most promising year, with every prospect of its being a banner one. We have more men returned and are better situated than ever before. Of the old men who have returned this year the following are the names: O. G. Marstiller, Elkins, W. Va.; H. L. White, Canton, W. Va.; H. H. Holt, Grafton, W. Va.; J. L. Core, Morgantown, W. Va.; B. M. Smith, Elkins, W. Va.; E. W. Foreman, Martinsburg, W. Va.; P. B.

Lantz, Blacksville, W. Va.; R. E. Watson, Martinsburg, W. Va. The last two named were not in the chapter last year, and their return adds material strength to the chapter.

In the city we have M. J. Malamphy, Jr., who is practicing law, and who aids the chapter materially. Then, besides these, L. C. Yeardley and G. C. Smith were present with the chapter the first two weeks of school. They aided in the rush for men which is always very strenuous at West Virginia.

The chapter had one return pledge from Martinsburg who was of great assistance in getting good men. This was C. T. Sencindiver.

C. H. Layman, of Fairmount, W. Va., came back for two or three days to look after some men whom he had in mind for the chapter.

As a result of the work of all these men, we have the following excellent men pledged to the chapter: F. L. Dunn, Martinsburg, W. Va.; Ross Lamar, Martinsburg, W. Va.; J. E. Sturgiss, Scottdale, Pa.; Clyde Kinsey, Morgantown, W. Va.; Roy Grove, Martinsburg, W. Va. These, with the old pledge returned, makes six men pledged, most of whom will enter the bonds this term.

Curtis M. Hanna, who graduated last year, is now practicing law, and it is understood that he is doing successful work. B. E. Leech is dealing in lumber in Pennsylvania. A. H. Dury is at his home in Cincinnati. I. R. Simms is in the wholesale grocery business at Montgomery. J. A. Peters is at his home in Montgomery. W. H. S. White is principal of the Cowen High School. E. R. English is attending school in Baltimore, Md. A. H. Foreman is attending school at Cornell, he having received a scholarship from that institution.

Besides the II K A, there are nine other fraternities at West Virginia. These are Σ X, B \otimes II, Φ K Ψ , Σ N, Σ Φ E, K A, Δ T Δ , Φ K Σ , and Φ Σ K. Then there is the Θ N E fraternity and the Δ X legal fraternity. There

are three sororities, which are X O, K K I, and A Z A. There are about 600 or 700 students in attendance at West Virginia all the time, with an attendance of 1,400 during the entire year. There being so many fraternities, and so many of the students being women, it will be seen that it is often very difficult to obtain the best men. Yet, we feel that we are in a position to congratulate ourselves as our pledges are from the very best material offered. As was said before, we have excellent prospects for the year.

We started our social program last Wednesday evening by giving a hay-ride to Fields, where a supper was served, and dancing was indulged in.

Alpha-Theta extends to all II's her hearty greetings, with the hope that every chapter will make this her banner year. B. M. Swith.



Alpha-lota

Millsaps College

Our college opened September 30th with about three hundred students applying for admission. This session promises to be one of the most prosperous ever enjoyed by Millsaps. During the summer vacation our endowment fund has been increased considerably and, through the generosity of Major Millsaps, an athletic field has been given to the college which will, when graded, be one of the finest grounds for college athletes in the South. Because of conference restrictions we will not be allowed to have a college football team this fall, but we expect to be represented next spring by one of the fastest college baseball teams in the state. A basket-ball team will be organized at once which will, we hope, do some better than the team which represented our college last session.

We were agreeably surprised when we returned to college to find that we have another Π in our faculty, Brother

S. G. Noble, Tau, who will be assistant in the preparatory department.

Our chapter lost twelve men this year because of graduation and other things. Our roll at present stands as follows. Old men returned: R. B. Alexander, Montrose, Miss.; J. W. Crisler, Crystal Springs, Miss.; M. B. Jumper, Jackson, Miss.; A. F. Kelly, Laurel, Miss.; T. W. Lewis, Jackson, Miss.; R. J. Mullins, Meadville, Miss.; M. L. Neill, Montrose, Miss.; T. Stennis, DeKalb, Miss.; F. S. Williams, Jackson, Miss. Transfer: B. C. Buck, Jacksonville, Fla. Buck comes to us from Phi Chapter and we are indeed glad to have him with us. D. H. Glass, on account of the death of his father, which occurred during the summer, will not be with us this fall, but expects to return immediately after the Christmas holidays.

The commencement contests last June resulted very favorably for Alpha-Iota, as two of the most important medals were awarded to her men. W. P. Moore won the Galloway Lamar debater's medal, and J. W. Crisler won the Sophomore medal for oratory.

Our prospects for this session are good. There is practically no animosity among the non-fraternity men and everything leads us to believe that our chapter is entering upon the most successful year of its existence. Every fraternity here has suffered keenly because of the failure of so many fraternity men to return to college. The relative strength of the chapters here is, so far as we have been able to ascertain: K A, 11; K Z, 10; II K A, 10. As yet we have initiated no new men but there is no scarcity of good material in our student body, so we will probably be able to made a different report in our next

work in the college.

E. A. Currie of 1906-'07, was with us a few days just after school opened. Currie is traveling for a wholesale house at Shreveport, La. He tells us that he finds true

students until they have successfully finished one term's

Our faculty will not allow us to initiate new

blue Pi Kaps scattered all through the territory which he works.

Already Alpha-Iota has begun making plans for a good delegation to represent us at the New Orleans convention next spring.

Best wishes to every chapter for a happy and prosperous year.

TOM A. STENNIS.

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Alpha-Kappa

Missouri School of Mines

The college opened this year with the largest enrollment it has ever had at this time of the year.

The following men returned to school this year: E. P. Murrey, Fosterville, Wis., who is taking a post-graduate course; H. C. Kibe, Socorro, N. M.; T. S. Dunn, Waukegan, Ill.; H. E. Smith, St. Louis, Mo.; H. E. Minor, Canyon City, Colo.; C. T. Heydecker, Waukegan, Ill.; H. S. Owen, St. Louis, Mo.; W. F. Siegmund, St. Louis, Mo.; A. G. Pudewa, Chicago, Ill.; A. O. Randolph, Kansas City, Mo.; J. K. Beach, Kansas City, Mo.; D. H. Radcliff, Rolla, Mo. H. T. Mann will be back October 1st, as instructor in Metallurgy. He is now working at Congress Junction, Ariz.

The fraternities here are all in good shape for the coming year. The Σ N, K A, and K Σ all have new houses. The K A house is a new brick building and they have it fitted up in good shape. The K A's returned 12 old men, the Σ N's 11 old men and a transfer, and the K Σ 's have 7 old men back.

We have our house re-decorated and with our new furniture, are well fixed for the year. We have one new man pledged and have several others in view.

The football prospects are very good and Coach Liv-

ingston has a large squad out every night. The first game is with St. Louis University on October 3d and from then on the team will have its hands full.

The new ore-dressing building is half finished and the completed portion is now in use. The rest of the building will be completed this year and will then be the best building of its kind in the country. The new assay laboratory is open and is ideally arranged for its purpose.

The course of study has been entirely re-arranged and Rolla now has a course second to none. With several new professors and these new courses the school is in splendid shape.

Alpha-Kappa wishes a successful year to all the chapters.

T. S. Dunn.



Alpha-Lambda

Georgetown College

College opened September 8th with a larger attendance than last year. There are probably three hundred students here this year. All the dormitories are full and more students still coming. The striking feature this year is the number of new faces, there being comparatively few of last year's students back.

We have returned only four men but hope to strengthen our chapter roll in the near future, although there is a scarcity of good stuff, and we don't believe in taking any other kind. Our old men are: O. M. Moreland, Georgetown, Ky.; W. H. Argabrite, Georgetown, Ky.; W. G. Bradford, Brooksville, Ky.; H. J. Howard, Mt. Vernon, Ill. Argabrite is an alumni member but is taking an active part this year. We take great pleasure in introducing our new initiate, Bronston S. Kenney, Frankfort, Ky. Dawson, Crawley and Williams were with us during the opening of school. Ernest Kellner was with us several

days. Kellner enters Washington and Lee this year. We regret losing him but compliment Pi on her new acquisition and recommend him as a student, athlete and allround good fellow with but few equals. Brother Williams teaches mathematics at Louisiana College, Alexandria, La., this year. Brother Bunyea enters Crozier. Brother Robb is managing his father's farm. Brother Lester Kellner is at his home at Greenville, Miss.

The K A's are the only other fraternity here. They now number nine.

Football prospects are bright and it looks like Brother Howard will lead a winning team this year, perhaps to the championship of Kentucky. Moreland and Howard seem to be fixtures for right half and left end, respectively, with Kenney putting up a good race for right end.

Howard is manager of the basket-ball team.

Wishing all our sister chapters great success this year.

Grant Bradford.

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Alpha-Mu

University of Georgia

Alpha Mu returned only two old men this fall: H. P. DeLaPerriere of Hoschton, Ga., and G. H. Hulms, of Athens. These two, however, have been assisted and counseled by Brother W. Townshead and Brother W. Breedlove, of Athens, who are affiliates from the Psi Chapter at Dahlonega.

We have a room and are furnishing it as well as possible, but we hope before Christmas to be in a chapter house. We have initiated four men, they are: Cecil Neal, of Gainesville, Ga.; R. M. Stephens, of Atlanta, Ga.; H. C. Smith, of Winder, Ga.; and J. F. Blodgett, of Atlanta, Ga. DeLaPerriere has had another honor added to his already long list. He has been initiated into the Θ N E, a social fraternity here.

The university has the largest attendance in its history and bids fair to turn out a winning team this fall. Brother DeLaPerriere is working the men hard and expects good results.

Georgia has nine fraternities, they are: A E, K A, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, X Φ , X Ψ , A T Ω , X N, K X and Π K A.

We expect soon to take our place with the leading fraternities here and to make up in standing what we lack in years.

Alpha-Mu sends greeting to her sister chapters and wishes then a happy and prosperous year.

JNO. F. BLODGETT.

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Alumnus Eta

New Orleans, La.

Foremost in the thoughts of each and every member of this chapter is the sudden death of our beloved young brother, Richardson Homes, and although time may dull the keenness of our present grief it can never efface the memory of good natured "Dick" who always had a kind word and a glad hand for everybody and who endeared himself to his brothers and friends by his uniform kindness of heart and jolly disposition.

Brother Homes was in the prime of young manhood and he was just starting to make a name for himself and his fraternity, that he always thought of, when he was stricken. After leaving Tulane University, where he studied engineering, he entered the service of the New Orleans and Great Northern, where he did construction work until that company suspended all work in the fall of 1907. He then left for Cuba where he was appointed on the engineering corps of the Cuban Army, where he served with distinction. He was on a leave and was visiting his relatives and brothers in New Orleans when he was taken ill.

He was a zealous member of the fraternity and was an energetic worker for its general welfare. It is indeed hard for us to believe that "Dick" is gone and words can not express the profound sorrow and deep sense of loss that our members are now bearing.

With the exception of two or three meetings of the executive committee of the chapter nothing of any consequence has been taking place in the business line of the chapter. Plans for the convention have been freely discussed by the members individually and we believe that we are going to have the finest convention in the history of the fraternity.

We want every Pi Kappa Alpha who reads this to make up his mind right now that he is going to come down to New Orleans and give us a chance to show him a good time. There is no reason in the world why the active chapters can not attend this convention in a body instead of sending one man. Boys, I know how it is sometimes with college boys. They want to come to these conventions and haven't the price and to those of you who might be in that fix I want to say that you will have the price if you will start a savings account in some savings bank and call it your convention fund. Do it now!

Take it from me, this convention is going to be something that you will remember and we want to tell you about it far in advance so that you will not be disappointed when your brothers go back home and tell how fine it was. Now, we are going to keep you posted all winter as to how we are getting along but there are some things that we are not going to tell any one. No! Not even Brother Smythe.

Our next meeting will be held in the early part of October after which I will be able to give you a little more detailed information about the convention. In the meantime keep your eye on New Orleans and make your preparations to come.

ROBERT A. STRONG, M.D.

P. O. Box 258, Pass Christian, Miss.

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Alumnus Mu

Fort Smith, Ark.

Since our last letter to the magazine, it gives us much pleasure to be able to add to our roll the names of S. G. Davies, Fayetteville, Ark., and C. H. Lambert, Forest City, Ark. The first is an Alpha-Zeta man, being one of the charter members, while the latter was a charter member of the present Gamma chapter.

Owing to the fact that our membership is widely scattered, no formal meetings have been held, but we keep in touch with each other as best we can by correspondence, and strive in every way we can to upbuild and advance the cause of Pi Kappa Alpha. One way in which we do this is to inform the active chapters of desirable as well as undesirable men who intend entering school, and for this purpose, our diversity of location serves as a benefit, rather than otherwise. It has been our pleasure to inform several of the chapters along these lines, since we were chartered.

We are now striving to have a reunion meeting in Little Rock, about next June. There are twenty II's in the state, aside from the active chapter at Fayetteville, and though we are taking quite a look ahead we wish to make our arrangements early and thus insure a successful outcome of the project. Plans are also on foot to assist Alpha-Zeta in raising a chapter house fund, and we hope in a few years to see erected on the "hill" a cosy little Pi mansion, where every brother in II K A will be always welcome.

Our complete roll, giving name, chapter, present location and occupation is as follows:

- W. S. Fuhrman, Alpha-Zeta, Ft. Smith, Ark. In the employ of the Arkansas R. R. Co.
- A. C. Parker, Alpha-Zeta, Marion, Ark. Practicing medicine.
- J. W. Trigg, Alpha-Zeta, Texarkana, Ark. In the employ of the Missouri Pacific R. R. Co.

John Ingle, Alpha-Zeta, Bloomington, Ind. Student at University of Indiana Law School.

- L. R. Byrne, Alpha-Zeta, Fayetteville, Ark. In grocery business.
- J. K. Ellis, Alpha-Zeta, Randolph, Neb. Bookkeeper in First National Bank.
- H. R. Carter, Alpha-Zets, Texarkana, Ark. City engineer.
- S. G. Davies, Alpha-Zeta, Fayetteville, Ark. Civil engineer.
- C. H. Lambert, Gamma, Forest City, Ark. Principal high school.

From this you can see how widely scattered we are. Last month we had to give up Brother Fuhrman to the intricacies of wedded bliss, and for a time we thought we had lost him, but he only brought a little II sister into roost, so this only made Alumnus Mu the stronger.

Best wishes for all the chapters for a most successful year.

LLOYD R. BYRNE, M. C. & M. S.



Alumnus Sigma

Raleigh, N. C.

On Monday night, August 17th, the Alumnus Sigma Chapter held its first meeting, and was organized with the following members: A. W. Knox, physician; Franklin McNeil, lawyer; A. E. Escott, secretary Raleigh Cotton Mills; J. A. Park, instructor at A. & M. College;

Lawrence T. Jones, cotton buyer; J. A. Powell, T. K. Bruner, C. H. Elsom and Julian G. Frasier, electricians.

Since our application for charter, Brother Elsom left the city, returning to Pittsburg, Pa., where he formerly held a position with the Westinghouse Electric Company. It was with much regret that we gave up Brother Elsom, for it is to him the credit is due for our organization. Brothers Powell and Bruner have returned to college at A. & M., where Brother Powell graduated last spring, and Brother Bruner left the Junior class.

Our officers are: Dr. A. W. Knox, S. M. C.; A. E. Escott, I. M. C.; Lawrence T. Jones, Th. C.; T. K. Bruner, S. C.; and Julian G. Frasier, Chapter Correspondent.

With kindest wishes to all II's.

JULIAN G. FRASIER.

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Alumnus Upsilon

Charlotte, N. C.

Charter has been issued to Alumnus Upsilon at Charlotte, N. C., to the following brothers: Robert H. Lafferty, Beta; Rev. Chas. E. Raynol, Theta; Rev. F. D. Jones, Beta; A. J. Beall, Jr., Alpha-Epsilon; D. K. Pope, Beta; T. W. Kendrick, Tau.

The organization meeting is being held as the magazine goes to press.



Alumnus Tau

Salisbury, N. C.

Charter has been issued to Alumnus Tau at Salisbury, N. C., to the following brothers: Preston Buford, Beta; W. Marvin Snider, Tau; A. H. Snider, Phi; Jno. McCanless, Alpha-Alpha; George M. Nernhardt, Phi; W. A. E. Fird, Alpha-Eta; Wm. C. Coughenor, Tau.

The first meeting of Alumnus Tau was held the evening of October 6, 1908, in the offices of Snider & Raney, Salisbury, N. C. We regret that all of our members could not be present but at roll call Brothers A. H. Snider, Geo. M. Bernhard, John McCanless and Preston Buford were present.

Officers elected for the year were as follows: A. H. Snider, S. M. C.; Geo. M. Bernhardt, I. M. C.; Preston Buford, S. C. After the election of officers several important issues were discussed.

Each man present expressed his delight in being bound together with his brothers in a chapter again. We all want as many alumni chapters as possible not only for the benefit of our alumni, but for the fraternity in general. A larger number of chapters indicates activity of the fraternity and adds vast influence to the inward growth.

We are always glad to have our brothers with us when visiting our city and in fact shall expect them to look us up. We hope to have some report of activity after our next meeting. Our number is small, but we are determined that we shall not be mere figure-heads.

Best wishes to all of our chapters.

PRESTON BUFORD.

The Pi's

In order to make this department complete and more interesting, each member is earnestly requested to forward promptly to the Editor or Assistant Editor, say tiem of news concerning a brother member which may come under his notice.

—J. B. Abeel, Chi, is on the editorial staff of the *Chattanooga Star* and is making an enviable name for himself in his work. His address is 213 Chamblin Ave., Highland Park, Chattanooga, Tenn.

—The General Office is appreciative of the following invitation to the marriage of our Brother of Theta and we extend him our congratulations and best wishes to the young couple:

Mr. and Mrs. John Frances Ritchie will give in marriage their daughter Elizabeth Frances

Rev. William Smith Barr
Wednesday evening, July the first
One thousand nine hundred and eight
at half after seven o'clock
Lafayette Presbyterian Church
New Orleans, Louisiana
The honor of your presence is requested.

—The Orloff Henry Company, engineers and architects, at 323 Hibernia Building, New Orleans, was organized during July. The senior partner is our active brother of Eta and Alumnus Eta. There are four members in the firm among them is another II, James M. Robert.

—The following announces the loss to the fraternity through its General Office of the services as stenographer and assistant to the Grand Treasurer of one who has served the fraternity faithfully and conscientiously during nearly six years. We know that the best wishes of all the II's will follow Mrs. Bray, nee Miss E. A. Austin, whose initials have appeared on all of the fraternity letters for so many years, and also congratulate Mr. Bray on winning her as a bride:

Mr. Arthur Austin
announces the marriage of
his daughter
Emily Agnes
to
Mr. Samuel Cromwell Bray,
Tuesday, June thirtieth,
nineteen hundred and eight,
Charleston, S. C.

At Home after July 8th 690 Agnes St. Winnepeg, Manitoba.

- —John Martin, Iota, whose hospitality and kind attentions all who attended the last convention will so well remember, has thrown out his shingle as attorney at law in the Mutual Building, Richmond, Va. Hearty congratulations and best wishes for success are extended him.
- —On May 30th, Dr. R. M. Bird, Iota, professor of Chemistry in the University of Virginia, was operated on for appendicitis. We are glad to report that the operation was successful and that Brother Bird has completely recovered.
- —The following clipping from a newspaper will be read with interest by all II's regarding our Brother of Theta and Ex-Grand Officer of the Council:

The chair of systematic theology in the Southwestern Presbyterian University at Clarksville, Tenn., has been offered to Rev. Dr. J. S. Foster, pastor of Tabb Street Presbyterian Church, Petersburg, Va., for the past six years and one of the most beloved ministers in the city. Dr. Foster came to Petersburg from Franklin, Tenn., and has won the admiration of both

his congregation and the community at large as a pastor preacher and gentleman. He has the collegiate offer under consideration.

- —President J. Gary McAllister, D.D., of Hampden-Sidney College, so well known and beloved by all II's, and our present Grand Chaplain, delivered the commencement address of the University College of Medicine of Richmond, Va., in the Academy of Music on the evening of May 19th, in that city.
- —The Central Presbyterian of May 20, 1908, publishes the following very complimentary notice regarding Dr. Palmer of Theta:

On Sunday, May 17, at 11 a. m., Rev. Dr. Wallace T. Palmer was installed pastor of Westminster Church, Lynchburg, Va. On Thursday night, May 14, a charming reception was tendered Dr. and Mrs. Palmer in the halls of the Y. M. C. A. Everything in decorations, music and refreshments was handsomely done. In addition to the members of the congregation, most of the ministers of the city were present and a number of leading members of other churches, all of whom were gratified at being able to welcome Dr. Palmer and his family who are already highly esteemed as valued acquisitions to Lynchburg society.

- —Rev. Jno. W. Caldwell, Jr., Theta, of New Orleans, has received a call to the Alabama Street Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tenn.
- —Rev. Frank F. Jones, Iota, pastor of the Brunswick Presbyterian Church, and Miss Ethel G. McClure, were married in Asheville, N. C., on Wednesday, 25th. Our very best wishes and congratulations are extended.
- —The Central Presbyterian of May 20th has the following interesting note regarding one of our Brothers of Iota who has recently moved to Portsmouth, Va.:

The Rev. Robert Campbell Gilmore, of Bessemer, Ala., the new pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, reached Portsmouth last week and Sunday he conducted service in the First Church. Mr. Gilmore succeeds the Rev. Charles F. Rankin, former pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, who resigned early in the year to go to South Carolina.

-The following from Atlanta Journal of August 23rd

is an item of interest regarding the family of our Brother of Alpha:

Mrs. L. D. T. Quinby and two daughters, Misses Elise and Margaret Quinby, of Onancock, Va., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hemphill at her home on Peachtree street. After remaining there two weeks, Mrs. Quinby and daughters will be the guests of Mrs. Thomas in Griffin.

—The General Office is appreciative of the following invitation to the wedding of our Brother of Alpha-Zeta, and extends on behalf of the fraternity best wishes and congratulations:

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Reynolds announce the marriage of their daughter Joyce

Mr. Will L. Fuhrman
on Monday the third day of August
Nineteen hundred and eight
in the city of Ft. Smith.

—Pensacola Journal, Pensacola, Fla., of June 28th, contains an interesting account of the organization of a National Association of Greek letter men. The meeting took place on the night of June 27th, forty-five Greek-letter fraternity members being present, representing sixteen different fraternities. The plan is to have a National Organization of Greek-letter Fraternity members, to include residents of Canada, Cuba and tributary countries under the United States flag. This idea was the outcome of a chance made of five "Greeks." A committee of fraternity men were appointed to draw up a definite plan for this organization and among this membership we note two IIs: A. M. Avary, Jr., and H. M. Yonge.

—From Bulletin of Hampden-Sidney College, commencement number, we clip the following with reference to the resignation of Dr. J. Gray McAllister, Iota, as president:

The subject of removal was before the board at this session, but the board, by a close vote, decided to continue the work of the college in its present location.

Dr. McAllister, who strongly advocated removal, felt that only

a man in harmony with the situation could carry forward this work with the enthusiasm that is essential to success, and therefore tendered and pressed his resignation, which was accepted by the board with resolutions of commendation and regret, and heartily supported the nomination of Rev. F. T. Mc-Faden, D.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Va., who, over his protest, was elected unanimously to the position.

Rev. James Gray McAllister, D.D., who for the past three years has been president of the college, offered his resignation to the board of trustees, and the resignation was accepted by the board with sincere and profound regret. Dr. McAllister intends to take up other work. The board (through Dr. J. R. Rennie) made a public statement on commencement day concerning the remarkable work accomplished by Dr. McAllister during his brief but brilliant administration, stating that he had accepted their unanimous and urgent call at a time when their minds were full of anxiety as to the future of the college, that he had increased the attendance of students sixty per cent., that he had represented the institution before its constituency and the public with rare distinction and effectiveness, that he had rendered services of lasting value to the institution.

It has been learned that Dr. McAllister, since his resignation has had a number of very important and attractive openings to educational and church work. One of these was the Secretaryship of Schools and Colleges of the Presbyterian Church South to which, without his knowledge, he was elected unanimously. This Secretaryship, with headquarters in Atlanta, has supervision of the entire educational work of this great Church and

offers a field for constructive work of the first order.

Dr. McAllister declined the work, however, and several other positions, and will spend the fall and winter at Hot Springs, Va., in charge of its Presbyterian Church at that place. He expects to re-enter educational work in 1909.

—W. S. Baxter, Psi, writes very interestingly, from Place tas del Norte, Cuba, where he is in the office of the Quartermaster of the United States Army, in renewing his subscription to the magazine:

Each succeeding year, increases rather than decreases my interest in the Fraternity and, if in the future there may be anything within my power which I may do to further its interests and welfare, do not hesitate to call on me.

—Marion G. Willis, Omicron, who is in the fertilizer business, Fredericksburg, Va., writes the General Office of a trip he recently took through Virginia in which he met a number of IIs. Upon request he gives the following list which will be read with interest: "Jno. A. O'Neil

is in business at Crozer, Va. (Omicron 1905-'06); Crosby M. Robertson, Omicron, 1905, is a Baptist minister at Crozet; Duncan Curry, Alpha, 1908, is practicing law at Staunton; Paul Woodfin, Omicron, 1904, and B.L. 1908, is at his home, Waynesboro, Va., but will practice in the West: B. E. Steele, Omicron, 1908, is at his home. Tazewell, Va., but will go West to practice law in the fall; R. H. Willis, Omicron, 1904, and A. W. Robertson, Omicron, 1907, and 1908, are practicing law at Buena Vista, Va., under the firm name of Willis & Robertson: J. K. Bowman, Phi, is in the N. & W. offices at Roanoke, Va.: A. M. Bowman, Jr., Phi and Alpha, is spending the summer at his home, Salem, Va.; Rufus Bowman, Phi, is attending V. M. I. and will return next year; Robt. Logan, Phi, is working in Salem, Va.; F. W. Robertson, Phi. is in railroad construction work at Johnson City. Tenn.: C. E. Talman, Omicron, 1906, is in the American National Bank, Richmond, Va. This, I believe, completes the list, with the exception of Denny Wright. Omicron, who has been spending a part of his vacation with me, and sustaining his good record as a baseball pitcher."

- —Dr. Robt. H. Lafferty, Beta, is Registrar of the North Carolina Medical College, Charlotte, N. C.
- —The fraternity will be distressed to learn of the death of the father of Brother Robert R. Taylor, . The sympathy of all the Is is extended to Brother Taylor in his bereavement.
- —L. D. T. Quinby, Alpha, ex-Grand Secretary and good all-round fellow and II, is editor and owner of the Accomack News, at Onancock, Va. He also conducts a job-printing establishment. Two years ago Brother Quinby was in New York as credit man for the Gorham Company, in their retail department, Fifth Ave. and 36th St., which position he occupied for three or four years.
 - -Chas. K. Payne, Epsilon, president of the Payne

Shoe Company, Charleston, W. Va., returned the latter part of August from a trip around the world, covering a period of six months.

—Following from Atlanta Journal of September 13th, will be read with interest by the many friends and admirers of our Brother of Gamma. It will be rejoiced to learn of the return of Dr. Wilmer in good health:

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Wilmer and family have returned home from a delightful summer spent at Sugar Loaf Hill, in New Jersey, and later as the guests of friends in Connecticut. Dr. Wilmer will occupy his pulpit at St. Luke's both this morning and evening.

- —E. A. King, Alpha-Delta, is in the cotton department of A. W. Stubbs & Co., Cedartown, Ga.
- —J. P. Williams, Jr., Alpha, is now in the engineering department of the Pocahontas Consolidated Collieries Coat Pocahontas, Va. He writes the General Office under date of September 12th: "I see the Grand Historiographer quite often and from present prospects I think he will not attend the New Orleans Convention alone, but will by then have joined the ranks of our Grand Preceps, Brother Powers."
- —W. G. Riddick, Pi, has recently organized the law firm of Riddick & Clifford, with offices in the Southern Trust Building, Little Rock, Ark. Best wishes of all the IIs will be extended to this brother for great success in his enterprise.
- —Chas. K. Payne, Epsilon, has just completed a trip around the world, leaving his home, Charleston, W. Va., February 1, 1908. He sailed from San Francisco on February 25th, stopping a short time at Honolulu, spending two months in Japan, a week in Manila, three or four weeks in China, a week in Manchuria, a week in Korea and returning home by the great Trans-Siberian Railroad, stopping at Moscow, St. Petersburg and several other cities in Russia. He spent some time in Germany.

France and England and sailed from Liverpool for America on the "Mauretania" August 1st. Mrs. Payne accompanied Brother Payne and they both enjoyed perfect health during the entire trip.

- —W. W. Taylor, Jr., of Nu and Zeta, was married on June 27th at the Duncan Methodist Church, Georgetown, S. C., to Miss Lucy Freeman Boone. The church was beautifully decorated and among the six ushers were the following IIs: G. C. Guilds, G. T. Skinner, Zeta, and J. C. Guildsmof, of Nu. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Martin Auld, of Nu Chapter. The best man was Prof. C. L. Davis, professor of Agriculture at State Agricultural College of Georgia. Brother Taylor is a native of Georgetown and is a very prominent business man there, being a member of the firm of W. W. Taylor & Son, dealers in builders' supplies. Best wishes and congratulations are extended the young couple.
- —Warren B. Davis, Kappa, has returned to Philadelphia after spending his vacation in Lexington. Brother Davis enters the Junior year in Jefferson Medical College. We are all glad to learn of the good record he is making, having received two out of the four medals offered in his class last year, one in the two-year course, the other in the Sophomore year.
- —Orris O. White, Kappa, has been at Chicago University this summer, having received his Ph.D. degree. Bro. White spent the summer in Europe last year and it is needless to say that he is making good in his profession at teaching.
- —C. E. Gregory, Kappa, has been promoted to the editor-in-chief of *The Henderson News*. He was married to Miss Sarah Collis, of Lexington last spring, and they are very comfortably situated at Henderson, Ky.
 - -The fraternity will be very sorry to learn of the sad

death of Richardson Homes, Eta, which occurred in New Orleans on Monday, August 31st. Brother Homes was a very prominent young man both in New Orleans and in parts of Cuba where he has served on the engineering corps of the Cuban Government. He was born and reared in New Orleans, graduating from Tulane University Engineering Department. After leaving college he was employed by the New Orleans Great Northern Railway until the fall of 1907, when he entered the employ of the Cuban Government Engineering Corps, where he served with distinction until his death. He was a zealous member of the fraternity and was beloved by each and every one of its members. His death was the result of an operation and elsewhere in these pages will be found the resolution of sympathy from Eta Chapter.

- —A. J. Seltzer, Alpha-Kappa, who graduated in 1907, has just sailed for Wu-Chang, China, where he has accepted a position as head of the Chemistry Department of the Imperial School of Mines of China.
- -F. G. Beckner and J. M. Goldman, both Alpha-Kappa, are now in Ely, Nevada.
- —Rev. J. L. Neill, Alpha-Iota, is the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church (South), at Pass Christian, Miss. Brother Neill is still an enthusiastic Π, as is Mrs. Neill, who wears a *Shield and Diamond* Badge on all occasions. Both Rev. and Mrs. Neill will be in New Orleans at the 1909 convention.
- —Prof. C. L. Neill, a charter member of Alpha-Iota, and a brother of Rev. J. L. Neill, is principal of the Hattiesburg High School, at Hattiesburg, Miss.
- —Prof. S. M. Graham, another charter member of Alpha-Iota, is the Superintendent of Public Education at Pass Christian, Miss.

- —Ernest Mohler, an alumnus of Alpha-Iota, is located in Gulfport and is in the dry goods business.
- —Prof. E. G. Mohler, a brother of Ernest Mohler and another charter member of Alpha-Iota, is the principal of the high school at Gulfport, Miss.
- —Prof. James Marshall Robert, alumnus of Eta, who was acting professor of Experimental Engineering at Tulane University last session, has been tendered the Chair of Mechanical Drawing, which he has accepted. Prof. Robert, although yet a young man, has made a record that Eta has had cause to be proud of. He graduated with unusually high honors and has been on the faculty since his graduation, first as an assistant professor, second as an acting-professor and now as a full-fledged professor. This success is the result of conscientious and hard work and it is safe to predict that the fraternity will hear more from him.
- -A. L. Stras, Phi, is engaged in the coal and coke business in Birmingham, Ala.
- -Robert Hening Webb, Iota and Alpha, is taking graduate work at Harvard.
- —Eta has reason again to be proud in the success that has been made by Ralph C. Patton, Eta '07. Brother Patton, who has been an energetic worker in the General Electric Company in Schenectady, N. Y., was first sent to the Electrical Testing Laboratories in New York City, and has been assigned to duty for the company in the Middle West. He was singled out as the best man for service calling for superior skill among a number of college men working for the same company.
- —The Southwestern Presbyterian University, at Clarksville, Tenn., has conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Rev. John C. Barr, Theta and member of Alumnus Eta, at New Orleans. Doctor Barr is one of

the best known and most popular of the New Orleans clergy.

- —John Davidson, Jr., Eta, will attend Cornell University this year, to take a post-graduate course in Hydro-Electric Developments.
- —Orloff Lake, Eta '05, who has been connected with the engineering corps of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad, in charge of a division, has resigned his position with the railroad and is now in New Orleans for an indefinite stay. All the II's in New Orleans extended him a hearty welcome on his return and he is now an enthusiastic member of the Alumnus Eta Chapter and is an earnest worker on the convention plans.
- -Dr. Robert A. Strong, an Alumnus Eta and chapter correspondent and member of the executive committee of the Alumnus Eta Chapter, has moved to Pass Christian, Miss., where he is practicing medicine. Notwithstanding this move. Brother Strong is still an enthusiastic member of the New Orleans Alumni Chapter and says he will try to hold his offices down and continue his work in assisting the members of the chapter on the plans of the convention in 1909. Which, as he predicted in his letter in the June issue, is going to be the greatest ever held. He would be pleased to have any Π who might pass through Pass Christian, Miss., call on him so that he can tell them personally some of the many things that are going to happen in New Orleans in 1909. Of course he won't tell all, but he will tell enough to make you start right now to make your preparations to come.
- -F. A. Connor, Phi, is coaching the football team at Roanoke College this year.
- —R. M. Killey, Phi, will spend the winter at his home in Vivien, W. Va.

- -John Janney Lloyd, Jr., Phi, is practicing medicine in Lynchburg, Va.
- —James Hubbard Lloyd, Gamma, who graduated from the Episcopal Theological Seminary last session, is now occupying a Chair at the University of Tokyo, which university now numbers among its faculty two IIs. The other being Rev. St. George Tucker, of Alpha, president of St. John's College, Tokyo.
- —W. H. Jordon, Alpha, who graduated from the law school of the University of Virginia last June, is engaged in the practice of his profession at his home in Lynchburg, Va.
- —A. W. Robertson, Omicron, is now engaged in the practice of law in partnership with Brother R. H. Willis, at Buena Vista, Va.
- —Walter Tyler, Omicron, is now superintendent of the Southern sales division of the Rand-McNally Publishing Company.
- —J. Flint Waller, Alpha-Lambda and Alpha, will leave shortly for the Canal Zone, where he has accepted a government position.
- —R. T. Kendrick and R. L. Drake, Alpha-Kappa, are working for the Utah Copper Co. at Garfield, Utah.
- -W. D. Peeso, Alpha-Kappa, is in business at Itasca, Texas.
- —Orloff Henry, secretary of the alumnus chapter in New Orleans, and one of the hardest workers for the fraternity's welfare, is very busy working up the plans for the convention in 1909. Brother Henry states that the members of the Alumnus Eta Chapter believe in starting early so that there will be nothing neglected to make the coming convention the best yet. He wants all the chapters to keep their eye on New Orleans.

- —J. Gilman Reid, Iota, is at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Mass., where he is doing postgraduate work in electric engineering.
- —The following newspaper clipping announces the marriage on August 4th of one of the charter members of Alpha-Zeta Chapter. Since graduating, Brother Furhman has been in the employ of the Arkansas Central Railroad. He is an enthusiastic II, being a charter member of Alumnus Mu. Hearty congratulations of the fraternity are extended to the young couple:

A delightfully appointed wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Reynolds, 403 Lexington avenue, yesterday morning when Miss Joyce Reynolds became the bride of Mr. Will S. Furhman. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. F. Gibson amid a bower of floral beauty. The attendants were Miss Hazel and Miss Grace Reynolds as maids of honor. Mr. and Mrs. Furhman left last evening for a western wedding trip and upon their return will be at home at 615 North Eighth street.

- —W. E. Thompson, Alpha-Zeta, who graduated last year, is at Warren, Ark., taking a year's rest, after which he will enter the medical department of Johns Hopkins University.
- —A. C. Parker, Alpha-Zeta, '07, after graduation took a year in medicine at Tulane and is now continuing his studies with practical experience under one of his relatives at Marion, Ark.
- —On June 5th, Robert C. Graham, Iota, and Miss Hattie Wysor, were united in matrimony at Pulaski, Va. The church was beautifully decorated. A delightful reception was tendered by the father of the bride and the wedding guests then adjourned to Maple Shade Inn, where the Pulaski German Club, of which the groom is a member, gave a most beautiful German in honor of the young couple. The young couple left on the north-bound vestibule which made a special stop for them.
- —H. R. Smith, Alpha-Zeta, '08, is in the hardware business with his uncle at Malvern, Ark.

- —Jno. W. Trigg, the baseball and football hero of Alpha-Zeta, is in the traffic department of the Missouri Pacific R. R. at Texarkana.
- —M. L. Reinberg, Alpha-Zeta, after a year's law course at Cumberland University, secured a degree last year, and is now practicing law as his father's partner at 904 Main St., Pine Bluff, Ark.
- —Dr. E. R. Long, Theta, has for several years been president of Arkansas College, Batesville, Ark. He is prominently associated with education throughout the state.
- -P. H. Thompson, Theta, '89, is a merchandise broker at Ft. Smith, Ark.
- —J. R. Ellis, Alpha-Zeta, is head bookkeeper at the First National Bank of Randolph, Neb.
- —Rev. F. E. Maddox, D.D., Theta, is pastor of the First Congregational Church of Texarkana, Ark. He is one of the most popular ministers of his city.
- —A. S. Maddox, Rho, is president of Crescent Seminary, which has just opened for young ladies at Eureka Springs, Ark. He is also proprietor of the Basin Park Hotel at that place.
- —Prof. C. H. Lambert, Gamma, has resigned his position which he held for the past three years as principal of the Lake Village, Ark., school, and accepted a similar position at Forest City, Ark.
- —Dr. W. V. Bruce, Chi, is practicing physician at Helena, Ark.
- —Governor J. Gordon Hughes, Xi, Grand Chancellor, general chaperon of the convention, president of the prohibition party of the convention and generally all-round favorite on every occasion and in every place, has been

returned to the House of Representatives from Union County, S. C., by an admiring and grateful people. It took two primaries to lick all of his opponents, but he cleared the woods of them and now reigns supreme once more.

- —There are several other IIs in the House of Representatives of South Carolina, among them Olin Sawyer, M. D., Xi, from Georgetown County, L. M. Lawson, Rho, from Darlington County, and Ben Hill Brown, Nu and Alpha, from Spartanburg County.
- —J. Ford Johnston, Alpha-Lambda, is professor of Latin and Greek at Bacone University of Muskogee, Okla. The postoffice address is Bacone and Brother Johnston is anxious to know if there are any other Is near him.
- —Several of the newspapers contain most complimentary notices of the address to the graduating class of the Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C., made by Prof. Jas. Henley Thornwell, Mu. The speech was in memory of the Dr. Thornwell who established the Thornwell Orphanage. It was a very elegant address as well as a very touching one.
- —Prof. and Mrs. S. M. Graham, of Pass Christiau, Miss., are being congratulated on the birth of a son. Prof. Graham is, as stated elsewhere, an alumnus of Alpha-Iota.

Fraternity World and Exchanges

Address all communications for this Department to its Editor.

Delta Chi (law) Convention at Syracuse, April, 1908, adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the Fourteenth Annual Convention that it is contrary to the fraternity's best interests to initiate into its membership men who are affiliated with any general, academic, or college fraternity."

The Fourteenth Annual Convention of Delta Chi (law) appointed a committee to look into the matter of assisting its chapters to own chapter houses, and report to the next convention.

It is intended that the work of the committee shall include "the collection and careful study" of the plans followed by the chapters of Delta Chi owning houses, as well as the plans followed by other fraternities who have already given the problem of chapter houses consideration and put their plans on a working basis.

At a province convention of Phi Delta Theta, held in Evanston, Ill., May, 1908, it was "recommended that

each chapter conduct annually a rigid examination on general fraternity questions."

An accompanying table shows the percentage of the living chapters of each fraternity located in each of the grand divisions of Canada, the East, West and South. The last column shows the total variation from the average of all of those fraternities which have any real claim to being national in their extent. It will be noticed that $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has a smaller total variation from the average than any except A T Ω , Φ K Σ and Σ Φ E, none of which are represented in Canada. It would seem that the claim of Φ Δ Θ to being the most truly national of all fraternities is sustained by the facts.

PERCENTAGES OF CHAPTERS IN DIFFERENT SECTIONS.

FRATERNITIES	CHAPTERS ID				Total
	East	West	South	Canada	fr'm the
Total for 989 chapters	35.5	32.2	30.7	1.6	· · · · · ·
Alpha Chi Rho	10 0.	0.0	0.0	0.0	129.0
Alpha Delta Phi	62.5	25.0	4.2	8.3	67.4
Alpha Tau Omega	26.3	36.8	36.8	0.0	21.5
Beta Theta Pi	30.4	49.1	18.8	1.7	34.0
Chi Phi	57.9	10.5	31.6	0.0	46.6
Chi Psi	55.6	33.3	11.1	0.0	52.4
Delta Kappa Epsilon	52.4	26.2	16.6	4.8	40.2
Delta Phi	90.9	0.0	9.1	0.0	110.8
Delta Psi	75.	0.0	25.0	0.0	79.0
Delta Tau Delta	28.5	49.0	22.5	0.0	33.6
Delta Upsilon	59.5	35.1	0.0	5.4	61.4
Kappa Alpha (N)	71.4	0.0	0.0	28.6	125.8
Kappa Alpha (8)	0.0	4.0	96.0	0.0	130.6
Kappa Sigma	23.7	28.9	47.4	0.0	33.4
Phi Delta Theta	25.3	42.3	29.6	2.8	22.6
Phi Gamma Delta	40.0	41.8	18.2	0.0	28.2
Phi Kappa Psi	39.5	44.2	16.3	0.0	32.0
Phi Kappa Sigma	30.8	30.8	38.4	0.0	15.4
Phi Sigma Kappa	77.3	0.0	18.2	4.5	89.4
Pi Kappa Alpha	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	138.6
Psi Upsilon	72.7	27.8	0.0	0.0	74.4
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	20.9	35.8	43.3	0.0	32.4
Sigma Chi	25.0	51.8	23.2	0.0	40.2
Sigma Nu	12.5	44.6	42.9	0.0	43.2
Sigma Phi	87.5	12.5	0.0	0.0	104.0
Sigma Phi Epsilon	80.8	30.8	38.4	0.0	15.4
Theta Delta Chi	68.0	20.0	8.0	4.0	69.8
Zeta Psi	59.1	22.7	9.1	9.1	62.2

This table shows in which sections the proportionate strength of each fraternity lies. Only two fraternities have their entire number of chapters in any one division-A X P in the East and II K A in the South. The percentages to total chapters for the three divisions of the United States are pretty close; the large number of chapters of fraternities exclusively Eastern, or nearly so, being counterbalanced by the fraternities largely or purely Southern: while those fraternities originating in the Western division have without exception become national in extent, and this section has also been the common meeting ground of those Southern and Eastern fraternities which have extended beyond their own division. X is the only fraternity which has more than fifty per cent. of its chapters in the West.—Chastain Wilson Haynes, in Φ Δ ⊕ Scroll.

Nearly every fraternity claims to stand for higher scholarship. To maintain this claim requires systematic effort in strengthening the weak spot. Probably the best method found has been the investigation, twice in the semester, of the scholarship of each member of the chapter, by a standing committee of seniors or alumnæ.

-Kappa Alpha Theta.

The fraternities at the University of Michigan unite in what is called a "County Fair," and, if we can judge of the reports that have come to our ears, have a great time.

Boys, bear in mind. The undergraduate has so many opportunities to render daily service to the fraternity that it is difficult to make an enumeration without overlooking somebody's hobby. It may be safely stated, however, and urged upon the undergraduate that it is his duty to improve his standing in his class, in his literary society, in athletics and whatever tends to add to his importance in his college. He who is ever ready and takes advantage of the daily opportunity, serves his chapter best, and,

thereby, the Fraternity.—The Rainbow (Delta Tau Delta.)

The following, quoted by The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon from an exchange, is suggested for consideration:

Occasionally we find an active member of a chapter who deliberately neglects to fulfill his financial obligations. There is only one remedy for that situation, and that is to expel him. Financial integrity is taken so much to be a matter of course that slight lapses from the path of rectitude in this respect are not regarded as venial sins. But one boy who does not pay his dues can throw confusion into a chapter's accounts, and especially into the accounts of a house steward, so as to make everybody else in the chapter uncomfortable. If the house steward is aiming to give the members the worth of their money, he has, of course, planned his expenditure upon some regular system, and calculated upon receiving from each the proper amount which is his due. If, now, he does not receive such an amount, he must either cut down the supplies to his fellow members, or make up the deficiency out of his own pocket. Both plans have been tried—unsuccessfully. The only way to deal with a recalcitrant member in such circumstances is to warn him, suspend him, and finally expel him.—Exchange.

The benefit to be derived from chapter newspapers is becoming more and more evident to some of the fraternities. The *Phi Gamma Delta* for May, after stating that six papers had been founded since last December, goes on to say:

The advantages of such publications scarcely need enumeration. The pulse of the alumnus beats perceptibly faster when he reads that the boys are preparing to build a new home; that their rushing has been unusually successful; that a fine dance has just been given, possibly in the same old hall where he danced away many pleasant hours. Then maybe he gets some interesting news from "Jack," or "Bill," or "Skinny," or "Dumps." or some other of the old fellows whom he has temporarily lost trace of. Before he realizes it, he decides to go back to the old camping ground at commencement, or the next time the boys get together for some big affair. Perhaps his enthusiasm takes another form, and he encloses a small check in a letter of congratulation, and tells the chapter to use it in the next rushing party and "lick the —s to a standstill, as we used to do in my day." There are other ways in which the rejuvenation may manifest itself, but rest assured it will be there when the messenger of news reaches its destination.

The annual chapter letter plan of Phi Delta Theta to a large extent takes the place of the newspaper, but it is not nearly so interesting as a newspaper, and is not productive of as good results.

A writer in *The Crescent* of Gamma Phi Beta for June makes the statement that a number of Gamma Phis have reached the conclusion that their fraternity is too conservative in the matter of expansion. Such would seem to be the case, for there are only twelve active chapters and eight alumnæ chapters, and the fraternity was founded in 1874.

A writer in *The Centaur*, the publication of the Alpha Kappa Kappa Fraternity (medical), thus described the objects of a professional fraternity magazine:

In conclusion, then, the objects of our magazine are to "record history," to bring the individual members into closer relationship and thus unify our organisation, to broaden and enlighten its readers and, lastly, to print breesy, readable and timely papers which are germane to the principles of our organisation.

The College World

Address all communications for this Department to its Editor.

The colleges are now well under way for another session. It appears that the panic has prevented the annual increase of students that has marked the growth of our Southern institutions for a number of years. The State universities are reported full, but those institutions where students must pay hardly hold their own in numbers. The growth of agricultural education will have considerable influence upon the attendance in our colleges for men. Probably the most marked advance in this direction is found in Georgia, where the system is headed by a central college under the efficient management of Prof. A. M. Soule, while district scools are established all over the State to provide practical and economical education for country boys. The central college is a part of the State University at Athens, Ga.

The Georgia School of Technology has opened with fine prospects for the largest student-body in its history and the hurrying of the students in these opening days about the campus and in and out of the crowded buildings reminds one of the movement of the bees in an apiary.

Rev. R. H. Crossfield has accepted the presidency of

Transylvania University. He is a man of fine executive ability and promises to bring new life to the university.

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It is well known that the Central University of Kentucky was placed on the Carnegie Foundation last year in spite of the fact that it has been controlled by the Presbyterian church for many years and is a stronghold of Presbyterianism in old Kentucky. It appears that President Hinnit had the Synods in control of the institution grant a request of the board of trustees to have the restriction removed that required that members of the board should be Presbyterians. A minority report from the Southern Synod was carried before the General Assembly which bitterly opposed the action, and the fight must be renewed in the Synod this fall.

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Centenary College will open at Shreveport, La., this fall. The college was forced to close its doors over two years ago at Jackson for lack of support.

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The University of Alabama has had two fine buildings added to the campus during the summer.

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The University of Mississippi was fortunate to secure from the legislature the sum of \$301,000, which is aiding greatly in the prosecution of its work. They expect to build a chapel, library building, chemical laboratory and a law building.

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The University of the South has succeeded in raising the \$100,000 which was necessary to secure the gift of \$60,000 from Andrew Carnegie. Mr. Butterick has recently visited a number of smaller colleges in the Southern states with a view to learning at first hand the facts that will enable him to advise wisely in the distribution of the Rockefeller funds.

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Agnes Scott College has opened with an increase of 20 per cent. in regular students and rumors are out that a campaign is already planned for adding greatly to its endowment and equipment during the year. The president of its board of trustees, Mr. S. M. Inman, of Atlanta, and Mr. J. K. Orr, a prominent member of the board, are certainly competent to direct such a campaign.

Mr. Eugene Noble, of Hackettstown, N. J., has been elected president of the Woman's College of Baltimore.

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It appears that within recent years there has been much abuse of social privileges in many of the colleges. The festivities of the commencement week often gave license to students to engage in boisterous conduct, rowdyism and drinking. At Stanford this state of affairs reached the extreme and the faculty felt compelled to interfere. The Seniors were compelled to abandon all the festivities of the closing week. Much hard feeling was engendered between students and faculty, but the faculty won out in the fight, because it was so clearly right. Students in other colleges may well find a warning in this against excesses that must lead to faculty correction.

Editorial

AT the Richmond Convention the delegates realized as probably never before, the lack of any fraternity songs or music and it was the expressed hope of all present that at the next convention the social gatherings would not be without these musical numbers. To this end. a committee was appointed to collect any songs the individual chapters might have and to also arrange for the composing of others so that a sufficient number could be collected for an official song book. During the present summer this John McSween, Jr., accepted committee was organized. the chairmanship and has been working hard to arouse an interest on the part of the chapters in this very pressing need of the fraternity. Brother McSween has not met with the co-operation and assistance his efforts and his cause deserve and but few of the chapters have shown any interest at all.

A song from one of Alpha's men appears in these pages, having a very pleasing swing and rhythm. We hope that this will stimulate the other chapters and that their men will send in contributions. If each chapter would appoint a committee at its next meeting to collect or compose some songs for the Official Song Book and instruct them to report to the chapters within 30 days so that the songs could be sent to the General Committee in time for classification and publication, Brother McSween would be greatly assisted in his work. The chapters, primarily, and almost entirely, receive the benefit of a song book, so it behooves them to see that their committees are appointed at once and proceed immediately with the work entrusted to them.

OF course there is necessarily a great deal of correspondence and work in the General Office in the conduct of the business end of the fraternity, but this work, and consequently the running expenses, are very largely increased by an almost universal carelessness and inattention to letters on the part of the chapters.

During the last session it is estimated that in all instances it required from two to three letters on the same subject to each chapter before a reply was received and in some instances as many as four or five letters before the desired information could be obtained.

This condition is very detrimental to the best interests of the fraternity, since the time, energy and thought of the officers which should be given to the more important work of developing the fraternity through extension, through the improving of its magazine and through other means, is taken up wholly with these absolutely unnecessary letters to chapters about duties which they should thoroughly understand from reading the constitution, or about which one letter should be sufficient. Some matters require letters from the General Office to the chapters, but these letters should be answered promptly and fully so as not to necessitate unnecessary writing.

The chapters and the General Office come in very constant contact with each other and the understanding between them should be very close and pleasant. It is to this end that the attention of the chapters is called to this matter, so that they may appreciate that they themselves are losing by wasting the time of the officers in useless letter writing.

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IN several of the chapter letters of this issue, notably that from Alpha, is mentioned the great assistance that has been rendered the chapters by alumni, in securing desirable new men. The letters from the alumni members

recommending certain new men have given the chapters a great advantage at the opening of the present term, putting them in a position to rush these men insmediately and secure them at the very start.

For a good many years efforts have been made to show the alumni the importance of these letters of advice about new men and to get them to think of this and to write the chapters and it is very gratifying to see that they are gradually responding. In the case of Alpha-Delta Chapter two letters were received from alumni about the same man, resulting in his being secured for the chapter.

Special blanks were prepared by the General Office some time ago and distributed among the chapters to be sent by them to their alumni for use in this work. The blanks were arranged so as to save alumni any unnecessary trouble and chapters should send them to their alumni at once.

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IT is very gratifying to see from the chapter letters that our fraternity starts off well this session. The chapter rolls are in the majority of cases well filled by old men returned and there has been good success in securing new men. The outlook promises a good year for the chapters and for II K A.

Chapters should remember that although the natural desire is to build up rapidly it is more important to have "quality" than "quantity," and they should be very guarded and careful during this rushing season. Better by far to lose several men than to make a mistake in taking in one man who will not be congenial with the chapter.

THE Grand Treasurer reports already a very pleasing attention to their dues on the part of chapters, many of them having paid all those due at the beginning of the season and a number of the chapters having anticipated

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later dues. There are still several of the chapters who are on the delinquent list for dues overlooked at the close of last session and it is important that these be paid at once as they are being increased steadily by reason of the fines provided for in the constitution. It therefore, behoves these chapters to pay up these back accounts at once.

ATTENTION is called to page 115 of this issue, giving a private address for the various chapters. Letters to any and all members of the chapter should be addressed in this way, insuring prompter and safer delivery.

CHAPTERS should read carefully the Official Announcement from the Grand Historiographer and see that reports are sent in.

Official Communications

Announcement Number 1

The attention of each of the chapters, and particularly of the S. C. of the respective chapters, is called to Article VI of the Constitution and requiring the sending of reports to the Grand Historiographer. An omission or tardiness subjects the chapter to a fine of \$5.00 in each instance. The Supreme Council has in the past been very lenient and the Grand Historiographer himself has excused a number of chapters upon very poor excuses, but warning is hereby given to each chapter that a strict compliance with the requirements with this Article will be required during the coming session. Therefore remember:

First: To send in during the first month of your college session the Report No. 5, calling for the names of the men who have returned to college and for those with their addresses who have not returned.

Second: To send in within five days after each initiation a report (form No. 1) properly filled in for each initiate. Be particular in this not to use any initials, for example do not report an initiative's name as "John W. Smith" but give his full name, for example, "John William Smith."

Third: To send in within five days after the affiliation with your chapter of any brethren a report (form No. 2) properly filled in for that transfer.

Fourth: To send in within five days after the election of officers a report (form No. 3) reporting the election and appointment of the officers.

Fifth: To send in on the first day of June, 1909, a

report (form No. 4) giving the names of all the active members of your chapter for the year preceding.

All of these reports must be mailed within the required limit to: Graham Sale, Grand Historiographer, Welch, West Virginia.

If you have not a supply of these report blanks on hand they can be secured by writing the Grand Historiographer for them.

> GRAHAM SALE, Grand Historiographer.

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Official Notice Number 1

HEADQUARTERS OF THE PI KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY, September 28, 1908.

To the Chapters and Brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Greeting:

Official notice is hereby given of the suspension of Rho Chapter, and the withdrawal of its charter, by unanimous vote of the Supreme Council, governing said fraternity, same having been done on the nineteenth day of September, 1908. Of this action the fraternity at large will take due notice, and govern itself accordingly.

Witness the hands of the Supreme Council, on this the day and date aforesaid.

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Appreciation

Our greatest game was at its height,
We pushed and shoved with all our might
With sprints to left and bucks to right
And fullback through the line.
"Two minutes out," I turned my eye
And in the grandstand, way up high,
A little maid I chanced to spy;
The colors worn were mine.

Last half, one minute more to play
In the greatest game of many a day,
And who will win, no man can say;
I heard my signal roared;
The pass was true, I got it fair,
Sped onward like a frightened hare,
Dodged clear the fullback waiting there,
Gained thirty yards, and scored!

The game is won! Shouts rend the air,
And once again I look to where
She sits and laughs and claps up there,
Eyes bright and cheeks aflame.
She beckons to me and I go,
To get my meed of praise? Ah, no.
Instead, she whispers, soft and low:
"Say, Jack, who won the game?"
Oscar L. Shewm

chapter 100, payears after among the ell as much fits. There won't be any, but it insures certainty of ownership and provides that the stock shall never pass from the ownership of a Sigma Nu. Then sell bonds possibly among these same alumni and a few others, agreeing to pay 6 per cent. interest (if the rate can be made lower so much the better) and agree to secure this by a second mortgage.

Now suppose a chapter house has 100 members, alumni and undergraduate:

It will save, say .		\$2,000.00
It will sell stock, say		2,500.00
It will sell bonds, say	•	3,000.00
		
		\$7,500.00

With this money it can build a \$15,000 house, giving a first mortgage for the other \$7,500. This should be rented to the chapter at a rent sufficient to pay the interest on the mortgage and on the bonds, the taxes and repairs. The contribution of \$100 from each initiate will gradually but surely pay off the bonds and the mortgage. Each man who pays in money should get stock for it.

There is a plan that has worked 200 times within the last five years, and is working all right now. It places the ultimate burden of acquiring the house on the men who use it, but it secures the present help of the alumni who can help. It is, however, their own affair and is managed in each case by men they know and not by a lot of officers elected at a convention in a distant city by a lot of irresponsible boys.

I am a thorough believer in a centralized government. I would to-morrow be well pleased to see my fraternity governed by one man who could levy taxes, issue charters, and exercise all legislative, judicial and executive functions. But the undergraduates won't stand it and they won't stand any general scheme of assessment, and the alumni won't contribute to it!

Let each chapter have its own plan; supervise it if you

will, but let it be an individual plan. Practically all of the chapters in New England and the Middle States are obtaining houses on the plan I have outlined. A great danger to the centralized scheme is that is concentrates power over money and that means politics within the fraternity to grasp that power.

My judgment is, govern the fraternity as little as possible. Make as few laws as possible. Let the general officers all be helpers, not commanders. Levy as few assessments as possible. Emphasize love, not duty, effort not money. The alumni of any college fraternity are splendidly loyal when they understand what they ought to do and they give time and money and effort when they see the result and control of it.

Have I helped you? If not ask questions. Here in New York I know the men who actually run the different fraternities and we talk over these problems very cordially among ourselves. Boyish human nature is the same all over the country and our problems are all alike. The young think a law enforces itself, a scheme well planned is ipso facto executed, but those of us who are not young know better.

Sincerely yours,

WM. RAIMOND BAIRD.



A Suggestion

DOUBTLESS every II knows what a pleasure it is to have a brother from some other chapter visit you or your chapter. Especially is this true when the visiting brother is connected with an athletic team that is playing your college team. All of you probably know something of the awkward plan we must now pursue to find out whether there is a II among the visitors. Sometimes we can find out by reading chapter letters in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND in which names of IIs interested in the various athletics are mentioned; but the usual way is to ask some

of the visitors if they know of any Pi Kappa Alpha's on their team. To me, this does not seem to be a fraternal way of doing things. Would it not be much better for say your chapter to notify my chapter that Brother —— will be with their team and will play right tackle?

We are all one brotherhood and so Brother ——'s visit will be looked forward to with the greatest pleasure. Then we can be able to give him a true II K A reception.

N. E. Adamson, Jr., Alpha-Delta.



The Chapter and Its Contemporaries

THE highest tribute which can be paid the individual is the esteem and high regard of men of his class. So it is with the fraternity—for no other organization is so nearly regarded as an individual as a fraternity—when the other frats in college consider a chapter strong and worthy its success is assured and it defies all other criticisms and prejudices.

The one feature which is most indicative of a fraternity's strength is its ability to get new men and excepting a chapter's own efforts nothing gives more precedence in rushing than to be thought well of by the fraternity element.

Fraternities are always very jealous of each other and one chapter is usually very eager to gossip about and injure the others, for to the prejudicial mind it appears that to drag down the other chapters is to strengthen his own. Thus the story runs, each faction fighting the other until finally a man is injured rather than benefited by joining a fraternity.

It is almost impossible to have every chapter free from these prejudicial scheming political efforts and for this very reason the chapter which is ambitious for a permanent high standing should restrain itself from them, for thus it "shall show more goodly and attract more eyes than that which hath no sail to set it off."

As said in the beginning, a fraternity is much as an individual and as with individuals a man's social and husiness equals are more capable of judging him, so with the fraternity—the other chapters in college are more capable of judging a chapter than any other organization or class of men. Every chapter has the same social and political ambitions and the same desire to add strong men to its ranks, and so they can appreciate excellence of accomplishment in each other, more than the non-fraternity man, who judges a chapter by its individual members rather than as a whole; more than the faculty, who judge by the class work: more than other college organizations. who judge by a fraternity's representatives in them. It should be the desire of a chapter to stand well with all classes in college, but it seems to me to stand well with its contemporaries should be its first desire, for that is the highest recommendation a chapter can have.

To accomplish this end many gross errors have been made. Quite often individual members, who are ambitious for their chapters, endeavor to win the favor of other fraternities by the process of booting. They flatter and often get quite too confidential. To win the sincere respect of the Greeks in college is not to be accomplished by any individual member of the chapter or by booting, but by the chapter as a whole, and by standing for high principles. The members of the chapter should so work together that esteem and respect would be attracted rather than that these should be sought after. Many have, in their eagerness to get a man who has had bids from other fraternities, displayed all the faults and added their personal prejudices and dislikes of the opposing fraternities. For reasons of his own the freshman may join the rival chapter and repeat to its members the words of the other spokesman. Thus a feeling of enmity is aroused which could so easily have been avoided.

My desire is not to have chapters of different fraternities too intimate and not to have chapters burdened with too great obligations to one another, but in striving for a high standing for your fraternity in college the most essential is among the fraternities. Aside from everything else a chapter must of course accomplish a great deal to have this standing, but with this standing the road to accomplishment is much easier.

In times of anti-fraternity agitation chapters must lay aside any prejudices and ill feelings in order to live, but in times of peace and order that chapter is most prosperous and gives greatest benefits to its members which most suppresses prejudices and ill feelings, and thus incurs them toward itself in the least degree.

ARCHIE L. LEE, Alpha-Alpha.



Slavery and Its Influences in the Old South

THE purpose of this article is neither to excuse slavery nor to condemn every form of the institution which existed in our Southland before the war, but rather to discuss different opinions on the subject held by men of the time, and to give their reasons for such opinions, attempting at the same time to point out any fallacies which may have existed in the arguments of either side. No particular section of the South is to be considered as being discussed more than another, the attempt throughout being to get in a condensed form an unbiased description of slavery from historical and sociological standpoints, the information to be gotten, as has been said, from the written judgments of men who lived in the slavery era.

The foundation of slavery in the United States was laid probably in 1620, when a Dutch trading vessel landed a cargo of African negroes on our shores. The colonists,

at the very outset, objected to the slaves being brought over but, as they continued to be forced upon them, they accepted them as one of the decrees of cruel, unrelenting fate, and decided to make the best of it. A cruel fate it was indeed, especially for their descendants. groes were simply a very low race of beings that were unloaded upon the settlers by unscrupulous traders and the duty of raising them to a higher plane of living now devolved upon the vainly protesting whites. noticed that in the works of nearly all abolitionists this phase of the question has, however, been omitted. Could the question not be looked upon as a long term contract between the races and forced upon each party, one side to become elevated intellectually, the other to receive for their services as teachers or instructors the products of the physical labors of the blacks minus the amount necessary to keep them well cared for? It seems that this was probably the real effect of the compact which undoubtedly did good and harm to both parties.

It was seen later on that abolition would be better for both parties involved, but then it was too late to effect this easily. When the value of the slaves had come to be over \$1,200,000,000, the plantation owners could not let the "contract" end, for it would mean financial ruin. They had expended their time in making capable and intelligent workmen of the negroes and now that their time for some return for their labor was at hand it was not at all peculiar that they wished to overlook the view of the inalienable, unalterable rights of all men to life and liberty as brought forth by the abolitionist; neither was it strange that as they viewed the question, they saw on the one side wealth, happiness (for both parties, as a general rule, were in comfortable positions) and freedom from all worry over changed conditions. On the other hand, they saw ruin, absolute and final, trouble between the races and necessarily a temporal retrogression in the land which

they had done so much to improve and which they held so dear as the home of their patriotic fathers, who had fought under Washington, and which they cherished as the future home of their offspring.

This way of looking at the question was, however, not a universal one among the men of the South. Men like Clay, of Kentucky, Calhoun of Carolina, and Lee of Virginia, saw that slavery, so far as making one man and his descendants forever dependent upon another for his daily bread and even in some instances for his life, was not right and could never be made so. The way to remedy it was, however, not at hand, and as these men were not superhuman, they could see none and rather spent their time in other matters, defending to the best of their respective abilities the claims of their native states when called upon to do so, and trying to improve the lot of those unfortunates held in slavery.

The people of the South had not been ignorant of the results in other countries where abolition had taken place. and as these results were far from the best, we see another very real cause for their not putting abolition to the test in their own land. The very first year after the complete emancipation of slaves in Jamaica, the exports of sugar from that island fell off over 8,000 hogsheads. The abolitionists attempted to explain this by declaring that the size of the hogsheads had been changed and by saying that a free negro ate more sugar than a slave. Of the first statement there is no proof and the evidence to be had concerning it seems rather to point in the opposite direction. The second statement is nothing but an absurd supposition which contains no truth and which was simply a product of the imagination. These "explanations," as you will readily see, did little to encourage the Southerners to free their negroes. Then, too, what moral lesson could be gotten from men who, even if they did free their slaves, on the very next day forced the poor Chinese. at the mouths of cannon, to buy their death dealing opium. A noted abolitionist attempted to show that, in countries where the slaves had been freed, even though the production was smaller than before, the producers gained more because the cost of production was lowered. This, too, was proved to be false and the Southerner still saw ruin written on the wall when he thought of freeing his slaves,

Probably one of the reasons why the South paid little attention to the cries of the abolitionists was because they were inconsistent. One of them. in a work on slavery, says: "The \$1,200,000,000 at which the South values its slaves is money extorted without right and does not represent honest gain." A few years later the same man published a book in which he says: "It is right to apply force to compel those to work who will not labor from rational motives." Does the comparison of two such statements inspire the readers with great confidence in the honesty and consistency of the author? No! We see the Southern slave-holder with the perplexing problem still before him and he has ability enough to see in the "reasonings" of his Northern brethren, who have no slaves to lose, a desire merely to experiment to satisfy a whim and not, as in a few cases, a desire to see the slaves emancipated simply because it is morally right.

Another reason why the men of the South did not listen to the arguments of the abolitionist was, to quote one of the abolitionists themselves, because "they used fierce, bitter and abusive language about any and every slave-holder."

A common supposition of the abolitionists was that slavery had degraded its subjects into brutes. The native African could not be degraded. Of the 50,000,000 inhabitants of Africa probably more than four-fifths were slaves. The master had over these the power of life and death, and, in fact, his slaves were often fattened, killed and eaten just as we do cattle. The religion of the masters

was often worse than were their morals. Indeed, if such creatures ever reached the true level of simple brutality at all, is it not evident that they must have been elevated and not degraded to it? The truth is the abolitionist made the slave a brute or a martyr, just as it happened to suit the exigency of his argument.

We see then that the general effect of slavery on the peace of mind of the Southerner was not at all soothing. It was a problem which had to be solved, yet there seemed to be no solution. If the slave-holder freed his slaves he faced ruin. If he kept them he was continually abused by outsiders and probably troubled by his own conscience. He was even to see his own political rights fade away if he kept his slaves for "many people wouldn't vote with a nigger-owner." If no one would vote with him he could not possibly win and then all laws would, if possible, be made to his disadvantage and to the advantage of other sections of the Union.

This trouble was not the only one either, which was coming upon the Southern slave-holders. The South was falling behind the progressive North. There were no large factories south of Mason and Dixon's line and the slave by his wasteful ways, was soon to ruin the soil for agricultural purposes. The negroes were not skilled sufficiently to work in a mine or in a factory, and they must needs have more time and labor expended on them before they would be fit for either of these duties. Then, when they were educated to perform these duties, what guarantee had the men of the South that no law was to be passed freeing them and thus letting their educators lose all the labor expended upon them? Then, too, if no law of the kind were passed, would they still be troubled by "talk" if they made the negro work for them and thus pay back the value of the efforts expended in teaching him? Slavery then began to produce a feeling of uneasiness all over the South. The slaves had been elevated from cannibals to their present status, but what was to be done next? They were ruining the land for future time, though paying good returns then. They were holding back the progress of the country, for they were not sufficiently skilled for any duties but those of day laborers of the lowest class. Yet, calm unchangeable history held forth its true example of the fearful results of emancipation. The slaves could not be held with profit, and they could not be freed without loss. Truly, the men who had profited by the slave trade had made their customers pay fancy prices for their goods.

Then, too, the negro was a cause of keeping free laborers out of the South. No respectable laborer would work by the side of a negro slave and of course naturally preferred the less arduous work in Northern factories to the labor in the hot cotton fields of the South for which the negro was peculiarly suited. Thus not only by their being undesired as fellow workmen but by their hindering the building of factories in the South the negroes kept out this most desirable class of workmen. This kept down the white population of the South, which, becoming, relatively, to that of the North, smaller and smaller, made the South's influence in governmental circles less felt each year. There was probably a way to make the negro count as much as a white man in voting—this was by getting his condition raised by educating him so that he could understand the principles of law. Then the question arises could this be done more quickly with the negro as a free man than as a slave? It is not at all probable, for the slaves came into closer contact with their masters, were better cared for and taught than they could have been otherwise. Then we can find no reason here why the Southerners should take the leap in the dark and risk their all.

A noted abolitionist seemed to think that the negro should be freed and allowed to follow the bent of his own will—if he wanted to elevate himself, let him do so, if not,

then let him work two hours per day and live on in his childish fashion, taking no care for the morrow and caring not a mite whether he ate cornbread or cake, whether he relapsed into idolatry or lived and taught his children to live as Christians. This "solution"—as the author was pleased to term it—was undoubtedly absurd. In fact, no one except the originator ever considered its seriously for a moment. Yet there were thousands of equally foolish theories on the subject, and the proposers of each and every theory loudly berated the luckless slaveholder for not trying his scheme. Peace of mind must certainly have been an unknown quantity to the men who studied the question with a view to its speedy solution.

It was quite natural, too, that the brightest minds should be occupied with this, the most difficult question of the day. The natural result of this state of affairs is that the literary development of the South was checked, for a man must be bright indeed who can give time to two such diverse subjects and have his thoughts amount to anything in either line.

Now, in the conclusion of our study, which we must call it for lack of a more appropriate name, what have we found? Slavery was exerting the greatest possible force against all improvement in the South-in fact, it was slowly but surely ruining it. In all probability we must conclude that slavery was elevating the negroes who were for the most part contentedly living and learning by the kind teachings of their masters. Granting, however, that the slaves were not helped by their masters, that they were ill-treated and that they were gradually retrograding or, on the other hand, affirming that they were gradually improving in all respects—in either case, looking at the side of the slaveholders themselves, can we say truthfully that holding slaves is not the greatest misfortune which can befall a race of people, that the slaveholders were not the ones who had suffered and were to suffer from its effects:

that it was not a blight to Southern civilization? No, this has been proved over and over again. The slaveholders and not the negroes, then, should (and probably would, if they had come in the right way) have hailed the attempts to free the negroes as helping hands held out to them—the people in distress.

Our feelings on the subject must be only those of regret that the "contract" was ever forced upon either side and that it ever endured as long as it did. Its non-existence would have rendered unnecessary the sacrifice of many human lives in the great struggle which had slavery as its cause; it would have been unable, in this case, to check the literary, educational and economical advances of the South and probably the whole of our country would be at least half a century more advanced in every way.

D. A. HALLER.

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Benefits of Fraternities to College Students

RE fraternities beneficial to a college student? Without a doubt the system has many merits; but, as it really exists, with the jealousies and other human weaknesses, the question is worthy of a thoughtful answer. In some of the Northern States, for instance, the home of Princeton for one, legislation has prohibited fraternities in the universities and colleges of their respective States.

From this fact, it would seem that there could be no benefits—only harm. But, I say, the fraternal system in its purest sense, would never have been protested against, it is the organization as it exists in its corrupted and abused style, that led to this legislation. These legislators saw two parties being developed. There they saw jealousies and rivalries between the students being brooded. This prevents harmony in work and college life in general; thus, is marred both the success of the students and the institution. Hence came this legislation.

But, does the fraternal system as it should exist, call for this division in the student body? No, it does not. The true fraternity man should feel towards his fellow college man with the same friendliness that has characterized his acquaintance before he was a wearer of the badge; and, if he is the right sort of a man, he will be awakened and his love for his fellow will be intensified. Just because a man joins several of his closer friends in more than a friendly way is no sign that he should make an enemy; or in any way, draw himself from his classmates.

Well, what are the benefits now that we have exposed some of the false ideas conjured doubtless by the seclusion of the fraternity.

After studying this noble fellowship as it really exists, we find some self-evident facts that are upbuilding to any man.

First, fraternal association helps to make college life more pleasant. This association with the men from the best families of your State should bring forth a moral, social and mental uplift. The moral side of college life is frequently neglected. Of this, we shall speak presently. But, the social world is opened to the timid country boy in many cases at his entrance in college. This awakening to see other sides of life, this polish that he receives, are to be counted as much.

Second, there is a more serious side to the benefits; such as will come under development of high morals and a strong character. You, yourself, who ever you are, know the love of a certain fraternity. This love is brought about by the character of its men. If this love is what it should be, its influence will be exerted over all initiates. And in this way many fraternities help the student.

Third, in case through weakness or misfortune, a brother finds himself needing advice and aid, where can he better find it than in his own dear fraternity? Here are men interested in your welfare and ready to help you. This same weak man is held in check by the influence of those Greek letters and does not dare disgrace its name, though he little respects his glorious own.

And these mentioned advantages, few though they be, may I hope, lead you to think of the myriads of others.

In conclusion, I would say that the fraternity man himself determines how many of these countless advantages he reaps.

But before you reap, remember that you must sow. W. C. OLIVER, Epsilon.



Who and When

T was evening. With head bowed in deep study, Carroll Sharpe sought his office. His very walk showed to those he passed unnoticed that his thoughts were of self and not of them. Some strange mood—exaggerated fancy—seemed to have taken possession of him, and he wanted only to be alone. He was not satisfied with his present environments, almost like a spoiled child to-night, he wanted to shape destiny in a moment and have things his way.

He had viewed the summits crowned with success as reached by some around him—and he toiled on. Then his mind dwelt on his future and the one (?) who was to share it with him.

Seated at his desk—the cozy warmth and quietness of the deserted office building invited a care-dispelling drowsiness, and he felt more kindly toward mankind.

Though not so much in depth of indecision, yet his uncertain future made it more so. Two faces of fair ones he knew, drifted before his eyes as a vision. They were foremost in his thoughts—he knew that he could be happy with either of them; but would he ever be in position to ask the one he would care most for, to share his future?

And what would her answer be? Were questions he would have answered. Then, he felt how selfish it would be just now to think of them as more than friends.

Unconsciously he loosened from his vest a tiny badge and with a dreamy gaze he studied the emblem—the Shield and Diamond—the dearest relic of his college days. He looked enquiringly at it, this symbol of brotherhood, love and truth, and wondered whom he should ask to wear it—and when—and would she wear it?

He was in his room, hushed voices were heard; he remembered the accident; remembered hearing the old doctor say that he was hopelessly injured, and that the end was but a few hours distant.

He called the watchful white-robed one to him. He asked the kind, attentive nurse to hand him a garment that hung in its accustomed place; he asked for paper and envelope. From this garment he removed a jeweled pin. It was decided. There was no future now to battle. There was no pledge to seek, for soon he was to cross into that great Unknown. He owed it to that one; he owed it to his brotherhood; now that he was to leave them, another should take his place, and at this critical moment he knew which of those faces meant most to him; she would wear it now for him, for it would mean nothing more than the acceptance of an honor—as a sister.

The note and the little package were entrusted to the nurse to mail in the morning. With contentment he closed his eyes—and awoke. It was past midnight and the office had grown cold. He smiled at his past morbidness and thought of the heavy evening meal he had eaten. How much of it was a dream and how much thought, he did not know.

He signs the letter he had begun, "Yours in friend-ship," and left the office to retire. He decides to work

out his destiny—and seek to pledge no one until he has made a goal, and can have a future to offer to one to share.

GRANVILLE S. P. HOLLAND, JR.,
Alumnus of Tau.

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Do Fraternities Injure the Discipline of a Military College?

THIS question was brought to us very forcibly last spring by the efforts of our commandant to abolish fraternities from this college. His reasons for the attempt were based on the fact that certain officers in the battalion, who were fraternity men, showed discrimination between frat brothers and outsiders in making reports. We are fair enough to say we can not altogether blame him for his stand on the subject, for he had proof that certain officers were guilty, although no Pi Kapua Alpha was suspected of such a discreditable act. Whether fraternities injure the discipline or not, depends altogether on what kind of fellows are members of the chapter. It is unnecessary to say that a member of a fraternity is not pledged to uphold a brother in wrongdoing. We also know that the frat man who is a cadet officer is not true to himself or to his vows when he shows partiality to his brothers in his line of duty. In most military colleges, the cadet officers are on their honor to perform their duty, and if they fail intentionally to do their duty they are Do we want dishonest men wearing the dishonest. "Shield and Diamond," of which we are so proud, and which we honor so much? Most certainly we do not.

This brings us to the viewpoint of the fraternity man who is a private. Supposing, as we hope the case really is, that the recent initiates are men worthy to wear a frat badge, it is evident that they will expect no favors from a brother, which will interfere with the performance of his duty. In upholding the principles of the fraternity, he upholds his brother in the performance of his duty.

From this statement of facts, which is our honest conviction on the matter, you may see that it is "up to" the individual chapter as to whether or not Greek letter fraternities affect the discipline of the college. If the initiates are up to the standard, faculties can have no complaint against fraternities.

C. E. POWER.

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Democracy With Fraternity Men

A GREAT deal has been said about cultivating a fraternal spirit among the brothers of a fraternity. Never in word or deed would I wish to discourage this feeling, but in it there is something to be guarded against. That is, confining one's interests and friends solely to the group of his fraternity.

The limiting in this way has been the cause of more severe, and entirely justifiable, criticism than any other thing for which fraternities have been censured. The cry that a fraternity is undemocratic, that it is narrowing sees in this fact its source. Were it not true that in many cases, after a man joins a fraternity, he loses interest in those students who do not exchange with him a secret grip, and lets his interest in the welfare of the student body in general lag, no objection would ever be raised to college fraternities. As it is now, however, they have been discontinued in several colleges by order of the faculty and the mere mention of the name before a board of trustees is the cause of much weighty consideration. This all shows that the heaviest criticism is on the ground that a fraternity is an undemocratic institution.

There is a means of answering these charges, of removing this evil, for such it is. Show in our fraternity life that they are not true. By no means should we neg-

lect the brothers in our fraternity, but we should not give them all of our attention, should not spend all of our time with them alone. We should get out more among our fellow students and let them feel that we are part and parcel of them.

No one can criticize a fraternity for any other thing more than for this extreme clannishness, and when this ceases to be a characteristic of fraternities and fraternity men, the fraternity will be recognized as one of the greatest aids to the welfare of college students.

JOHN H. BUSHALL, Tau.

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The Convention

THE time for the Second Biennial Convention is fast approaching and it is something that no Π should overlook.

We should all begin now to think of certain business that is to be brought before the convention and to think of nothing but of encouraging other members of the fraternity by our attendance. The help of every II is needed at New Orleans, when the convention is called together to make new laws, etc. There is nothing that brings a fraternity into unanimity more than a convention.

The business to be attended to at the New Orleans convention will be just as important as that of the Richmond convention, and I am sure there will be just as many or possibly more important matters to be discussed at this one. The attendance ought to be much larger and I am in hopes, as everyone else is, that every officer will be there.

The alumni ought to be there in as large attendance as is possible. Every one that now thinks he can not go must try and arrange his business matters so that he can come, and I believe at this far date ahead you can do this. Of course there are a number that are never so fortunate as to

attend a convention, but if ever you do have that pleasure, you will ever afterwards have a desire to attend another, and in every respect you will feel repaid for your expense and trouble. It is a genuine pleasure to meet a representative from every chapter and see what class of men constitute our good old fraternity.

Every one who is expecting to attend the convention, is interested as to the time it will be held. The usual time I believe, is in May. Why could not the date be fixed when Mardi Gras is held, say the week before? In May nearly all the active members are either preparing for their examinations or are in them and as a result it is hard for the representatives to get off, and some are in such a hurry to get back that they do not have time to attend the banquet. There are a number of II's that are farmers and if the date is as late as May, it will be in one of the busiest seasons of the year. On the other hand, if it is held some time the latter part of February or the first of March it will give every one an opportunity to be there and will come at a time when a trip through the South would be most enjoyed and will also be an opportunity to attend Mardi Gras. To my mind and to a number of others, that I have heard express their opinion, this seems to be the very best time for the convention and brothers who fix the date, I hope you will finally decide upon this date.

The size of the attendance rests a great deal upon the date and thus it decides the success of the convention as well.

Attend the convention by all means. A great many of you who think you can not go, can go if you will only do what you ought to do, and that is to say "I am going." It will be a most pleasant incident in your life to look back upon, and you most surely will be pleased to find what a great fraternity we have. There you will meet brothers that you will never forget. So let every brother

keep in mind the convention, make up his mind now to go and try to persuade some one else to go.

Advertise it among the fraternity. Do not let any one say that they did not know that there was going to be a convention. If we all do our part this will be the greatest assembling that Pi Kappa Alpha has ever had. Be there at the first session to hear the address of welcome and stay until after the banquet, and see what it is to be a II K A.

JOHN U. FIELD, Kappa.

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The Marriage of Our Grand Historiographer

AGAIN has the mantle of "The Bachelor Pi" descended from worthy shoulders—again is it the fraternity's privilege and pleasure to congratulate the former wearer on his good fortune in casting it aside. Brother Powers wore the mantle for some years, but it has remained on the broad shoulders of Brother Sale scarcely two years and now the scramble for it is between our worthy Grand Secretary of Georgia and the Grand Chancellor, "Our Convention Governor" of South Carolina.

In the October issue there slipped in a little hint through the medium of a letter to the General Office that Brother Sale was soon to join the ranks of the Benedicts so that the fraternity was not surprised to receive about ten days ago the following invitation:

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben C. Quinn request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Nellie Moore

to
Mr. John Graham Sale
on Tuesday evening December the first
Nineteen Hundred and Eight
at nine o'clock
First Presbyterian Church
Lynchburg, Virginia,

Immediately the chapters and members arranged for the presentation to Brother Sale of a token of their affection

for him and their gratitude for the work he has done for II K A, and on November 28th a silver loving cup, a cut of which appears as a frontispiece, was expressed to Lynchburg, Va., bearing the inscription:

> JOHN GRAHAM SALE from The Officers and Members of The Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity December 1, 1908.

The following interesting clippings from the Sunday edition of November 29th of *The News*, Lynchburg, Va., are accounts of some of the entertainments given in honor of Miss Quinn:

Exquisite in its every appointment, and distinguished by the daintiest and most thoughtful taste, was the dinner given by Mrs. W. C. N. Randolph, on the evening of November 19th, in honor of Miss Nellie Quinn and the young girls comprising her bridal party. The table, embellished with lovely lace effects, and with trailing smilax and softly glowing candles lending an added charm, was of such beauty as will not be soon forgotten by the appreciative guests. The dinner was of seven beautiful courses, and at the close, silken ribbons, which had been attached to these floral hearts in lieu of stems, were gently pulled by the young girls with amusing results.

A handsome luncheon of six elaborate courses was given by Miss Lizzle Hickson at her home, in West Lynchburg, at 1.30 o'clock on Tuesday, the honor guest of this attractive function being Miss Nellie Quinn, the much-beloved bride of the coming week. The house decorations were carried out in yellow and white, a mellow blending of the same harmonious shades being also in use on the daintily appointed table. Lighted with many branched candelabra, and with gauzy tulle bows holding in place the mass effects in yellow chrysanthemums, the effect was one of undeniable grace and beauty. The bride's chair was appropriately decorated in white, the white chrysanthemums which wreathed the hidden woodwork being tied at the top with a huge bow of soft white tulle. The place cards were unique representations of marriage licenses, the gleaming red seal on each being engraved with the name of the girl who was supposed to occupy that particular seat, while at each plate also was placed a small box of salted almonds, with the letters S. and Q. worked out in silver upon the top.

A pretty "tea," given by Mrs. R. T. Yates on Wednesday afternoon, was one of the series of pleasant ante-nuptial affairs which

have complimented Miss Nellie Quinn during the past week, from four to six o'clock.

Miss Katie Slaughter entertained Miss Nellie Quinn on Thursday afternoon, with a Thanksgiving shower party, which resulted in much pleasure to her assembled guests. A diversion from the usual order of such affairs was indulged in by the introduction of little Miss Bessie Minor Davis, who, in the guise of a fairy-godmother, led the bride to the seat appointed for her at the attractively treated table, the strikingly effective center-piece of which was a Cinderella couch carved out of a mammoth pump-At the head of the table a huge wicker turkey was impressively placed, its fat sides literally bulging with an overflow of lovely bridal gifts. The tiny fairy, with more than fairy-like grace, stood daintily upon the table, with merry quips, handing out to the guest of honor all the pretty things that had been placed there by friends. Each gift was accompanied with a choice bit of verse, the reading aloud of which afforded much amusement.

Mrs. John M. Otey and Mrs. B. P. Thornhill were joint hostesses at a most attractive "tea," given at the home of Mrs. Otey on Friday afternoon, in compliment to Miss Nellie Quinn. The house decorations were in yellow, masses of chrysanthemums of this color garnishing also the table.

Miss Willie Edmunds will entertain the members of the Sale-Quinn wedding party on the evening of Monday, November 30th.

The following, from the Lynchburg, Virginia, News of December 2, 1908, gives the account of the ceremony and reception:

A beautiful and most interesting wedding took place last night at nine o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church when Miss Nellie Moore Quinn became the bride of Mr. John Graham Sale.

The chancel of the church was adorned with a profusion of palms, and countless sprays of Southern smilax, white candles in crystal candelabra added brightness to the general effect, and the color scheme of green and white was completed with the white cloth covering the aisless and space in front of the pulpit.

While the large number of guests were assembling a chorus of nearly forty voices sang, "Oh, Perfect Love," under the direction of Miss Emma Adams, who was also the organist. Mrs. John M. Otey then sang, "Oh, Promise Me." As the party entered the church the chorus from Lohengrin was sung, and during the ceremony, which was performed by the pastor, Rev. Dr. J. D. Paxton, "Hearts and Flowers" and Schubert's "Serenade" were softly played on the organ, which, at the conclusion, pealed forth the stirring strains of the Mendelssohn march.

Promptly at nine o'clock the ushers, Messrs. Wyndham Stokes and John M. Otey, and Messrs. W. V. Wilson, Jr. and F. S. Kirk

patrick preceded the wedding party down the middle aisle, followed by the groomsmen, Messrs, E. Leslie Long, of Welch, W. Va.; Stockton Heth, Jr., of Blacksburg: Charles E. Stuart. of Baltimore: Southard Shields, of Lexington: McHenry Peters, Jr., S. Garland Hamner, J. E. Edmunds, Jr. and Thomas Williams, of

After these came the bridesmaids, Misses Phœbe Edmunds, Willie Edmunds, Hallie Williams, Elise Fleming, Lizzie Hickson, Katherine Diggs, of this city, and Miss Louise Shields, of Lexington, and Miss Massie Shackelford, of Orange. On arriving in front of the pulpit the bridesmaids and groomsmen took posi-

tions on either side, forming a picturesque half circle.

The next in order was the maid-of-honor, Miss Janie Lee Quinn, sister of the bride, who was followed by the two little flower girls. Miss Elizabeth Goodridge Sale, of Wilmington, N. C., niece of the groom, and Miss Katharine Shennard Lee, cousin of the bride. They preceded the bride, who was escorted by her father to the chancel, where they were met by the groom, who, with his best man, Mr. Dan, W. Sale, had come from a side entrance of the church.

The bride was attired in white satin en traine, cut princess, in the bodice garniture of princess lace, caught with pearls: she also were a handsome brooch of pearls and diamonds, a gift from the groom, and a long veil of tulle caught with orange blossoms, and carried a shower bouquet of lillies of the valley.

The maid of honor wore an empire gown of apple green messaline, en traine, with long coat of cream chantilly lace and carried

on her arm a hat full of Golden Gate roses.

The bridesmaids wore empire gowns, en traine, of white crepe de chene and lace, and carried large bouquets of maiden hair ferns, tied with long streams of green tulle.

The flower girls were in lingerie gowns of white mull and

Valenciennes lace, with white sashes.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the wedding party, led by the bride and groom, left the church in pairs, the maid of honor and best man, the bridesmaids and the groomsmen, and lastly the ushers.

After the wedding a reception was given the bridal party and intimate friends at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Quinn, 215 Madison Street, during which a superb supper was spread.

Mr. and Mrs. Sale left on a late train for Cleveland. Ohio, after which they will visit Niagara Falls and a number of Canadian points of interest. They will then spend some time in New York, returning here for Christmas, and at New Year making their home at Welch, W. Va.

The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Quinn, is a young lady of many accomplishments and charming personality. Her popularity is attested by the fact that during the past ten days she was the guest of honor at six different social functions given by her many friends.

The groom is a native of this city and a graduate of Washington and Lee University. For some years past he has been a member of the law firm of Stokes & Sale, at Welch, W. Va., where they have a large and lucrative practice. Mr. Sale still keeps in touch with his college friends, and among the two hundred presents received was a large silver loving cup, suitably inscribed, from the officers and members of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, of which he is Grand Historiographer.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Lea and daughter, Miss Kate R. Lee, Nellie Butler and Annie Crawley, of Richmond; Miss Ethel Brown, of Danville; Miss Althea Waite, of Petersburg; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Shields and Miss Louise Shields, of Lexington; Mrs. David Graham, of Graham's Forge; Mr. and Mrs. James Marshall Vest, Mr. C. Leslie Long, Mr. and Mrs. Wyndham Stokes, of Welch, W. Va.; Mr. Charles E. Stuart, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. DuVal Radford, of Forest; Miss Massie Shackelford, of Orange; Mrs. Stockton Heth, Jr., of Blacksburg.

The best wishes of all IIs will follow the happy couple through life.

Chapter Letters

Alpha

University of Virginia

Alpha sends greetings to her sister chapters and her best wishes to all members of our fraternity, active and alumni, for a good, old-fashioned, Southern Christmas and for a New Year abounding in health and continued prosperity.

As we write we are forcibly reminded that winter is indeed upon us, for "Old Mother Winter is picking her geese" with a right good will and one of the oldest and laziest inhabitants has just assured us that "no snow like this has fallen here since '58."

But to resume where we left off at our last writing. In our October letter we announced to the fraternity that we had then three pledges, and prospects for more. This time we take pleasure in announcing that to those three pledges we added another and then, on the night of October 3d, we added four names to the roll of Pi Kappa Alpha. Our initiation, let us add, was entirely devoid of any suggestion of horseplay of any kind and the effect was as pleasantly surprising to the "goats" as it was satisfactory to us all. After the candidates had been duly initiated we all repaired to the upper hall of our home where ample refreshments, solid and liquid, dry and moist, hot and very cold, awaited us. The remainder of the evening (and part of the morning) was then most pleasantly spent in jovial good-fellowship with song and story, interspersed with II K A and "Virginia" yells, and many a tall stein was pledged to the health of our new brothers and to the fraternity at large. With pleasure we introduce our "goats." Shake hands with them in the spirit, fellows, and give each one a true II K A welcome, for each is a true gentleman and well worthy to wear the badge. They are:

Capers Gamewell Barr, Georgetown, South Carolina. Charles Edwin Garner, Jacksonville, Florida. George Benjamin Shepherd, Petersburg, Virginia. Irving Jones Shepherd, Petersburg, Virginia.

In honoring them Alpha Chapter has honored herself, and we wish all the II's could know them as we do. All are in the Academic Department except Brother I. J. Shepherd, who is taking work in Mechanical Engineering.

The football season, which will have closed when this letter is read, has proved most satisfactory for us, so far. To date we have played seven games, including those with Davidson, Sewanee, North Carolina A. & M., and Georgetown, with not a single defeat to our credit, and with a total score of seventy-five points to our opponents' nine. We have only one game more, that with our old rival, North Carolina, in Richmond, on Thanksgiving Day, and we are eagerly hoping for Madame Victory to smile upon us and so give the Orange and Blue undisputed title to the championship of the South.

Alpha is represented on the team by our veteran warrior, and captain of last year, John Neff. He has played in every game but one, out of which he was kept by injuries, and each time has proved a tower of strength to the team. On the "Scrubs" we are represented by George Shepherd, who is doing good work at half-back and promises well for the Varsity at some future day.

We have been visited recently by several of the alumni, all of whom we were glad to see, and hope they will call again. Among our visitors were Rev. Dr. Wallace T. Palmer, pastor of Westminster Church, Lynchburg, Va., alumnus of Theta: Brother W. H. Jordan, Alpha, now

practicing law in Nevada, Mo., and the Hon. J. Gordon Bohannan, Gamma and Alpha, of Surrey, Va.

The October issue was most creditable and was eagerly read by all of us, and the news in general of II K A's progress was encouraging, indeed. Let the good work continue, say we all.

OSCAR L. SHEWMAKE.

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Beta

Davidson College

Beta wishes to introduce Frederick Duncan Thomas, of Brunswick, Georgia, a member of the class of '10. He has made an enviable record while in college. In him, Beta has a representative on the editorial staff of *Quips and Cranks*, our annual, and on the Varsity football team.

At the same time, we regret very much to announce that Brother McCoy has withdrawn from our midst.

The football season is fast drawing to a close. The last game will be played on the 20th with the University of Georgia. Our record this year is three games won, two lost, and one tied. While this record is not as good as we had hoped for, yet it is one to be proud of, considering the strength of the teams we have gone up against. We hope that Friday's game will be one more added to our "won" column.

A great deal of interest has been manifested in a series of basketball games played between the different classes. The Seniotrs put out the winning team.

Davidson lost the tennis meet with Chapel Hill, by a remarkably close score. This is our first venture in this direction, and the result is very gratifying to us.

So much for athletics. Meanwhile our literary side has not been neglected, either in the classroom or in the society hall. Joint debates have been arranged between the

two literary societies, and one will soon be arranged with some college of equal standing.

Examinations are only three weeks off and until they are over with there will be "no rest for the weary."

Our prospects for new men continue good, and if we do not have several good men to introduce after Christmas it will be from no lack of work. We mean to keep Π K A to the front here at Davidson.

With best wishes for our sister chapters,

J. W. Todd, Jr.

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Gamma

William and Mary College

Every one has settled down to work in earnest at old William and Mary, and those inclined toward pessimistic views are already beginning to look forward to and dread the January examinations.

It is with a genuine feeling of pleasure that we note the increase in the grade of students this year. The new men are much more mature and a smaller percentage are in the introductory classes, than usual.

This improvement in the conditions of affairs extends to Gamma. The correspondent has been in college for nearly four years, but never during that period has he seen as earnest and enthusiastic workers gathered around the banner of Pi Kappa Alpha. The men are all taking a high stand in their classes, and the prospects for college honors at the end of the year are bright indeed.

Aside from college work, too, Gamma's condition is excellent. Although we are only eight strong, the chapter is showing a bold front. The men are thoroughly congenial, and the fraternity spirit being exhibited is unusually strong.

Since our last letter, we have taken in one new member and it gives the writer pleasure to introduce to the fraternity J. Fendell Garth, from the old hills of Albemarle. Garth was a member of the basketball and baseball squads last year, and will, we are sure, prove a strong member.

Although Gamma has had but one initiation this year, we have pledged another man to be taken in after Christmas, and have excellent prospects of gaining one more strong man.

The football season is drawing to a close, but the basketball season is opening up in full swing. Although William and Mary held down the larger institutions to good scores, our team has failed in the race for the championship of the Eastern Division of the Virginia Athletic Association. As this letter is being written, the team is on the eve of its last game, with Richmond College.

Gamma had no men on the team this year, but during the remainder of the year will be well represented in athletics. Garth and McCandlish are both veterans of the basketball and baseball teams of last year, and promise to give a good account of themselves again this year.

In college honors, Gamma is taking its usual stand, Denton is holding the managership of the football team, and is historian of the Sophomore class; Payne is on the Council for the Elizabethans, manager of the tennis club and is a member of the annual staff, while the correspondent is prophet of the senior class, a member of the Elizabethans, and on the magazine and annual staffs.

With best pishes to all Π 's,

J. H. BRENT.



Delta

Southern University

Since our last communication the following last-year's men have returned:

B. R. Shamburger, Cuba, Ala.

F. L. Pringle, Whistler, Ala.

Alex Gunn, Jr., Thomasville, Ala.

Happy are we indeed in our initiates though we have had none since our last letter, but we stand twelve strong, enthusiastic and ever striving to promote the interests of H K A.

For some time after the opening of the session various factions were antagonistic over the question of whether the students should attempt to publish an annual in lieu of the *Review and Bulletin*. However, the conservative won in the final issue, and this paper will again be published by the students, with Brother V. M. Ehamburger as editor-in-chief. We hope by associated effort to make it an interesting and profitable magazine.

The Alabama Conference which owns and controls the college, will hold its annual session, at this place, about December 9, at which time the students will petition for a greater latitude in intercollegiate sports.

At that time a professor will be chosen for the Chair of History, but we know of no one at present who holds the advantage.

At present E A Σ has 9 old men, 1 new; A T Ω , 10 old men, 5 new; K A, 10 old men, 4 new.

II K A is endeavoring to keep well in the forefront of the best in college. Her men have and are holding important positions among the students.

F. L. Pringle and C. A. DeBardeleben were chosen by their respective societies as orators on Ladies' Debate while Cowert was chosen by his society as challenge debater, the most important intra-college debate. V. M. Shamburger was chosen as one of the two debaters to participate in the debate against the State University at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

As a whole, the past of II K A but secures for us a glorious hope for the future. Let us all resolve to meet the coming dawn of the New Year with brave spirits, realizing that if the sculptor, in a few hours can accomplish a work that distant eyes shall behold and admire, it is our pre-

rogative to do infinitely more working on human hearts and destinies.

And when II K A reaches the zenith of her glory, every loyal son who has labored and sacrificed in her behalf, will be a part of that glory, and reflect upon her name and theirs credit and honor, just as each blade of grass impearled with Heaven's dews reflects the splendors of the morning's sun.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CARLTON PREER.



Zeta

University of Tennessee

Zeta takes great pleasure in introducing:

R. C. Branch, Millington, Tenn.

T. C. Ervin, Jr., Lookout Mountain, Tenn.

F. B. Porter, Dover, Tenn.

These men have been initiated since our last letter.

This brings our chapter roll up to nine, and we expect to get several good men after the holidays.

In these men Zeta has three of the best men on the "Hill." All stand in the first rank in their classes. Branch made the scrubs and will make the Varsity baseball team next spring and is a II from head to heel. Ervin is one of the most popular men on the Hill and Porter is popular, and a steady worker.

Zeta is justly proud of these men and hope to take in more just like them.

Examinations are fast approaching, the forerunners having already made their appearance in the form of numerous tests and most of our time is devoted to our studies. But we are always well represented in all the affairs which go to make up college life.

Zeta wishes the members of her sister chapters the best of success in the closing of the term's work.

We would take this opportunity to congratulate our worthy Grand Historiographer upon his approaching wedding and wish him every joy and happiness.

Our football team has gone through the entire season with the loss of but one game—Vanderbilt. The less said the better, for the spot is still a sore one.

Best wishes to all the chapters and a Merry Christmas to every Π in Dixie.

KARL R. MORGAN.

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Eta

Tulane University

Since our last letter we have initiated into our ranks Charles Karst and Ashley Calongue, a brother of W. and S. Calongue, of Alumnus Eta. We take great pleasure in introducing to the different chapters these two new brothers. They have proven zealous members already, and show signs of being hard workers for the glory of Old II K A.

We expect to be able to introduce some new men in our next letter, as we have at present one pledged and our eyes on two or three more.

Eta has good cause to be proud of the results and prospects of things this year. We are all reviving from the apathy, which we seem to have fallen into last year. The enthusiasm we are displaying, and the spirit and co-operation with which we are doing things this year, can not help but bring good results.

Football is the chief topic of conversation. The student body is taking great interest in the Varsity Eleven this year. We have the best all-round team we have had in several years. It has been classed by those who know as the fastest team in the South. The team is, at present, off on a trip through Texas, where they meet Baylor and the University of Texas. They played the latter last Wednesday, defeating them by a score of 28 to 15. You should have heard the shouting and yelling when the students learned of the victory their team had added on to its already long list. One can imagine how the fans must feel when their team has defeated, on its own grounds a college that has been beating them year after year. To show the team our appreciation, we are going to meet them on their return with a brass band, horns, yells and other instruments of torture. We play our last game here on Thanksgiving with Washington University of St. Louis, and, according to the way things are looking, if we win, it looks to us like a big time that night. Tulane has so far won six games out of six. Eta is represented on the Varsity by J. Smith, J. C. Menefee and C. Karst.

Eta Chapter is starting to get ready for the convention which is to be in New Orleans this year. She wants to make it a complete success, so that those who attend will enjoy every minute of their time spent in the Crescent City. Everybody come—no excuses taken—we want you and not your reasons for not coming. The city is large enough, and we'll find room for everybody. We wish every Pi a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PIERRE J. DELBERT.



Theta

Southwestern Presbyterian University

As we write this letter we can scent the good old Thanks-giving dinner with its turkey brown and basted and its gravy dripping like dew! Quite a good preparation for the evil days to come! As we cram with the delicacies of this abnormal dinner, we are simply getting in train for the coming cram of the Christmas exams. A dope, an egg sandwich, seasoned with a Latin, Greek or Math exam, served a la Honor System, is a menu hard to beat. At any rate, this is the brain-food with which we are kept alive during these days of provocation.

Since our last letter, Theta has added to her ranks some fine II material in the person of P. H. Wade, of Tillman, Miss, and it is with great pleasure we introduce him. With this addition and the return of Bolling and Crosby, our chapter roll at present numbers 12. There is still some good material at large on our campus, and perhaps Billy may soon make another successful buck.

On the gridiron we are ably represented by McLeod, Stokes and Rothrock, all Varsity men. Bolling, McFadden and Scott are among the best of the second team. S. P. V. has made one of the best records in her football history, having beaten Mississippi A. & M. College, Cumberland University, tied Kentucky University, and held the mighty Commodores 11-5, while L. S. V. alone decisively defeated us.

On the evening of Thursday, November 5th, Theta opened her hospitable doors to entertain the fair sex. A more elaborate and enjoyable reception could not have been planned in Theta social history this affair will go down as the event. A bevy of pretty girls, admiring young braves, music, laughter, flowers, glitting lights and the dainties, most tempting refreshments made the picture complete.

Along scholastic lines we still hold our own. In the Senior Class, of which Rothrock is president, are Miller, McLeod, Rothrock and Taffe; Rothrock is also editor-inchief of *The Journal*, our college magazine.

As the Christmas holidays, approach and the spirit of this season of good-will and peace pervades the cold world and makes us all feel the joy of living and doing for others, let us of the Brotherhood of II A K be drawn nearer and still nearer to one another in the holy bonds of fraternalism, ever knowing that:

"The world is wide and the world is grand, And there is little or nothing new; But its sweetest thing is the grip of a hand Of a friend that's tried and true." Greetings and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happier New Year to every II.

C. K. TAPPE.

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Inta

Hampdon-Sidney College

Once again the awful experience of examinations comes over us and we shrink from the consequences. These feelings are soon mastered, however, when we think of the festal days that are to follow, and like a bright sun every cloud is quickly dissipated.

The presidential vacancy has at last been filled. Rev. Tucker Graham, of Farmville, Va., has accepted the offer of the Board and will enter upon his new duties at the beginning of the year. Mr. Graham is a man of wide experience, practical and progressive and will pilot us on through a season of advancement and success. No better man could have been chosen. Radical and extensive changes will soon be made and the laying of new walks. so successfully launched by Brother Atkinson, will soon be brought to completion. Prosperity and success beam down upon our time-honored institution. Sweeping over the vicissitudes of years, she strides upward in the good race for usefulness. She has just passed through the greatest crisis in her history, yet she stands four-square to every wind and ready to carry on the great work of which she is so capable.

Since our last letter we have another initiate. It is with pride and keen pleasure that we introduce to our united Brotherhood, P. Thomas Atkinson, of Champ, Va. Good material is especially scarce this year, and we do not believe in lowering our standard, that we may increase our roll. However, with twelve men we feel abundantly able to hold our own.

Football is the all-absorbing topic, which rests upon ev-

ery lip. At the beginning of the season our expectation was at the lowest ebb, but under the able training of Coach Reiss the dark horizon of our hopes has brightened. Our team is light—but fast. So far we have won two of the three championship series. Iota has four aspirants for football laurels, two of whom have so far played on the Varsity. In other departments of college life we are equally as well represented. We have three men in the Dramatic Club. Other honors might be named had we time and space. All this, however, counts for little, unless it is the healthy outcome of a gradual growth and this we believe to be happily true of Iota.

The magic word Christmas will soon be whispered in our ears. Already we are looking forward to those happy days of rest and joy. The old year will soon steal away and a new, with its unknown opportunities, will be before us.

Iota extends best wishes and greetings to every Π in this season of gladsome happiness.

W. B. BLANTON.



Kappa

Transylvania University

Kappa is delighted to state that after two months of hard and very careful work she has secured four men. Frank Cain, of Madisonville, Ky., was an honor graduate of Madisonville High School last year, and now he bids fair to win a similar honor at Transylvania. Mr. Berry, of Carlisle, Ky., is another of our choice. Berry is more athletic inclined than any of the new men, and already he has the entire student body as worshippers when he appears as the general of the Varsity eleven. He has filled the position at quarterback since the opening game, and it is very probable that his breath-taking sensational plays at critical moments will give him the same position on the

All-Kentucky team. Mr. Berry is a member of the Junior law class, and his work there has won the admiration not only of his classmates, but of every professor.

The two Fields are also very strong young men and are easily living up to the standard set by their brother, John O. Field, commonly known as the hardest worker Kappa ever saw.

Transylvania has not been so fortunate this season in the football world as she has been heretofore, because of the scarcity of experienced material, but on Saturday last her team exhibited some of the most scientific football ever seen on the local grounds. Although she lost to Central University by the smallest possible score, the team work showed that Coach Yancey stands pre-emient in Kentucky athletics. The writer played in a few games early in the season, but had to retire on account of injuries. Brother Meng is still fighting hard and holds down the position at right tackle. He is said to be one of the hardest players in the State, regardless of the fact that he weighs only 155 pounds.

The Transylvania social club entertained with an informal dance on Saturday night in honor of the Central team, and it was greatly enjoyed.

Nothing exciting outside of athletics seems to be happening and preparations are being made for a flying trip home on Thanksgiving.

With best wishes,

DAVID J. HOWARD.

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Presbyterian College of South Carolina

On October 19 George W. Taylor, of Greenville, S. C., was initiated into the mystic bonds of II K A. Brother Taylor entered the Sophomore class in September of this year.

For several years past Mu has given a reception known as the "Thanksgiving Feast." To this feast only the members of the frat and the "Ladies of The Grip" are invited. As the President of the United States of America issued his decree proclaiming the 26th day of November last as a day of general thanksgiving, Mu in endeavoring to abide by this proclamation issued cordial invitations to her friends to assemble in the Chapter Hall for a night of festivities. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion with potted plants and fraternity colors. The guests arrived about 8.30 and after a few hours of very pleasant conversation a bountiful repast of nuts, fruits, etc., was served. We enjoyed the pleasure of having several out-of-town brothers with us on this occasion.

The boys at present are showing much interest in tennis. An Intercollegiate Tournament will be held at the University of South Carolina early in December. The same men who represented our college so successfully last year will play for us again this year and we are expecting first place instead of second.

Brothers Sligh and Taylor spent a few days at their respective homes recently.

We were delighted when we heard that the Board of Trustees of the college had chosen as their financial agent Rev. D. J. Brimm, D.D. Brother Brimm is an alumnus of Theta. While he is seldom in town, it is inspiring to have in our midst one who ranks so high in the roll of our fraternity.

With hearty Christmas greetings,

W. S. BEAN, JR.



Omicron

Richmond College

Omicron has more than held her own in the matter of initiates this year. We having gotten four of the new men

in college and take pleasure in introducing: James R. Shepherd, Jr., of Richmond, Va.; William Lefew, of Richmond, Va.; Robert McL. Whittet, of Richmond, Va.; Richard W. Taylor, of Richmond, Va.

All of them we believe will bring credit and distinction to II K A before their college career has been completed.

The all-absorbing question on the campus at present is football. Although defeated in a hard luck game by the score of 18 to 17, in our first championship game, we can break even with the leaders in our association if we win the games which remain unplayed. And we have a good chance to do it. Our team has been handicapped throughout the season by accidents to the members of the team. almost every player having been out of the game at one time or another, and the limited number of students in college makes it hard to fill the vacancies with substi-Several of our men, however, are deserving of especial mention. Langford, fullback, is considered by many who have seen him play throughout the season, to be the equal of any back-field man in the South. Other members of the team whose play has been especially high class, are Saunders at end, Stringfellow at center, and Brother Chambers at half-back, who though he weighs but 135 pounds in his ball togs, has held his own in every game during the season. Brother Gill has played in a majority of the games and will doubtless make his letter. Brother Wright, captain of the '08 eleven, has been out of the lineup since the second game of the season and his injuries will not allow him to take part in the championship games. Brother Atkins, who played quarter on last year's team, and who has alternated at quarter and half this year, has been the victim of a strict interpretation of the letter rather than the spirit of the rules regarding the eligibility of players, and although a candidate for his degree in the law department has been ruled out because he played in one game his first year in college, which was counted as a full year against him by the governing board, thereby deciding that he has already played his alloted four years.

Although the football season has not closed, interest is growing in track athletics, and every afternoon Captain Bristow takes about thirty men for a cross-country run, in preparation for the indoor meets the team is entered in. Last year Richmond held her own against some of the strongest college teams in the South and the prospects are bright for another successful season.

At our regular meeting last week we gave a small smoker, to which a number of our resident alumni brothers and a few of our friends about the campus were invited. Everything was done in a happy, informal manner, and a most pleasant evening spent in discussing college topics and matters of general interest to persons on the campus.

Right much interest has been manifested among the students toward the raising of \$350,000 for the further endowment of Richmond College and the Woman's College of this city. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars has been promised by Northern friends and the entire sum will be employed to enlarge the facilities and endowments of the two institutions. They will be united under a common management, new buildings and campus secured in the vicinity of Richmond, with a much larger campus than the present site, nearly in the heart of the city, and an athletic field of our own, the lack of which we have felt In chapel this week over \$3,500 was raised among the students. Much more would doubtless have been raised but for the fact that many of the students had already made subscriptions through their church or some other organization.

Another honor that has come to Omicron is the selection of Atkins as editor-in-chief of *The Spider*, the annual published by the class of '09. He has gathered a most efficient corps of assistants and has promised to give the college the best annual ever published at Richmond College. His

duties will be hard, but he has the support and good wishes of all the students and faculty who are showing the greatest interest in the compilation of the book.

Here's wishing all our sister chapters a happy and successful year.

J. P. SNEAD.



Pi

Washington and Lee University

Little of interest has happened at this institution worthy of chronicling with the exception of the fact that Pi Chapter has added two new names to her roll and takes great pleasure in introducing: Donaldson Baxter Erwood, Beckley, W. Va.; Clayton Epes Williams, Woodstock, Va.

Including eight transfers, this brings Pi's chapter roll up to twenty, the largest in its history. Although the number of members has increased Pi is proud to say that there has been no decrease in quality and we take this occasion to thank those of our sister chapters who sent us our transfers.

The football season is about over, there being at the time of writing this, only one more game. Pi has been ably represented on the gridiron by Earwood.

.We were all glad to meet Brother Marshall, of Alpha-Epsilon, who was here one day with the A. & M. of North Carolina football team.

We also enjoyed a visit from Brother Fleming, of Lynchburg, who spent several days with us recently. We have also been favored with a visit from Brother LeRoy Hodges, of last year's chapter.

At the Virginia State bar examination held on the 13th of November Pi had two aspirants for legal honors in the person of Stanley Beard and John Arnold, both of them being successful.

Basketball is the next form of athletic amusement to

be taken up at Washington and Lee and the prospects are that we will have an exceptionally good team. Kellner, our transfer from Alpha-Lambda, says that basketball is his forte and we are looking for great things from him.

By the time that this letter reaches the various chapters, our Brother Sale will be a benedict. Pi Chapter has all along had a feeling of shame that Brother Sale should have been so long single, and feels that it is not too late to extend to him its heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

Christmas will also be coming shortly after this reaches the other chapters, and Pi takes this occasion to extend to each of her sister chapters her best wishes for a most joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

JOHN M. ARNOLD.



Tau

University of North Carolina

Everything at Carolina now is looking forward to the great game which will have been played when this appears, between Virginia and North Carolina. Wiggins now nobly represents us on the football field; as left end he stars in every game. At the end of this season he will be awarded a star which will show that for another year he has ably defended Carolina's honor on the gridiron.

To our great pleasure three brothers, Chambers, Atkins and Gill, who are members of the Richmond College team, visited us on the thirty-first of October. Though their team was defeated they showed plenty of fighting blood on the field and proved to be excellent fellows when known personally.

Brother Coughenour, who is now a professor in Horner's Military School, spent the day with us recently. He acted as head linesman in the South Carolina game. While in

college last year Coughenhour was manager of the foot-

The Thanksgiving dances were held here Thursday and Friday, November nineteenth and twentieth. The dance Thursday was given by the junior order of the Gorgon's Head and the one Friday night by the University German Club. Both were very enjoyable and were attended by quite a number of girls. These dances are considered quite an event in the social life of the State and are indeed the crowning event in the social life of the college.

After the second dance Tau Chapter entertained at a luncheon in honor of the girls who were guests of the members of the fraternity. This was greatly enjoyed by all present, especially as Marse Jesse, the college caterer, was at his best.

Looking from another viewpoint things seem quite different as the examinations for the fall term are only three weeks off. We wish every brother much success in these troubles, however, and after them a very merry Christmas.

John H. Boushall.



Upsilon

Alabama Polytechnic Institute

One month more of hard work and we shall leave college for the Christmas holidays. Although the dreaded term examinations take place between now and then, we shall not speak of them further as they seem very disagreeable to us while planning the good times we are going to have.

We have added one more to our ranks and take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity:

J. P. Huger, Anniston, Ala.

We were unfortunate in losing Brother A. Guinn, who decided to return to Southern University.

The football season is almost over and we are indeed proud of our team this year. At the beginning of the sea-

son we surprised every one by defeating the strong Sewanee aggregation by a score of 6 to 0, and since then have been steadily strengthening until now we think we can justly claim the championship of the South. We showed our strength by holding the Louisiana State University to a score of 10 to 2, this being our only defeat, and by beating Georgia Tech 44 to 0. The Thanksgiving game against the University of Georgia in Montgomery will end the season and we think we can boast of having an eleven equal to any other in the S. I. A. A. Upsilon is represented on the team by J. E. Davis, who is sub fullback. The track team which went to Montgomery during the State fair. though with only eight men, came second in the meet and were only two points behind the leaders who had twenty men entered. J. E. Davis won two medals, one in pole vault and one in the high jump. In the tennis tournament Major won the championship of college in singles and in the games against Marion Institute he won from his opponent in easy style. Auburn won the doubles also, by taking five straight sets.

We enjoyed having with us at the L. S. U. football game Anderson, Denson, Lanford, McCleskey and Scheussler, all being alumni of Upsilon. We are always glad to have any visiting Π_S with us and shall accord them a hearty welcome.

Hall, Davis and Shackelford attended the Tech-Auburn game in Atlanta and had the pleasure of meeting brothers from Tech and the University of Georgia, all of whom they speak of in highest terms.

The appointment of corporals was made on November 18th, and we are proud of the fine showing made by our men, J. E. Davis receiving first, which makes him the highest ranking officer in Sophomore class, and Huger also being one of those chosen.

We are now spending all efforts toward beautifying our

hall and have succeeded in making it one of the prettiest

We wish every chapter much success in every way and hoping all A's will have a pleasant time Christmas.

JNO. J. WEATHERLY.



Phi

Roanoke College

Phi has at last gotten on her feet and is better financially and is larger than last year.

Since our last letter, Phi has added the following to her roll, and I take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large L. E. Foil, Mount Pleasant, N. C.; M. E. Williams, Charlotte, N. C.; J. J. Misenhimer, Charlotte, N. C.; E. M. Shenk, Concord, N. C.; P. A. Willis, Willis, Va.

As A. G. Fox is the only old man who returned, there are six of us on the roll.

I think the outlook of the chapter on the whole is very encouraging. We have succeeded in making different arrangements about our rooms and they are not as expensive as they were before the change, and we hope to keep out of the financial difficulties we encountered last year. We have better material than we had last year to pick from and have several men in view.

The Minstrel Club gave the first minstrel of the year on November 23rd. Phi was represented by Foil, Williams, Fox, Misenhimer and Willis in the chorus. The minstrel was pronounced one of the best ever given here. The same club gave a vaudeville show on the tenth for the benefit of athletics.

Our tri-annual "exams" begin on the twentieth and we are all getting pessimistic as they approach.

Wishing all Pi's a merry Christmas.

A. G. Fox.

Chi

University of the South

Since the University of the South changed from a winter to a summer vacation, the session has been divided into two terms of three periods each. The first of these periods has just ended and all II's made good records for themselves and the chapter. The University is in a very prosperous condition. The enrollment is considerably larger than it was last year.

Football is the all-absorbing topic now. Sewanee has had a very successful season under the able guardianship of Coach H. E. Van Surdam, of Wesleyan. We have nearly completed a season marked by one of the hardest schedules ever attempted by a Sewanee team. We lost to Auburn; but tied the strong teams of the University of Virginia and St. Louis University in their own territory, and won from Kentucky State and Georgia Tech. We are now preparing for our final game of the season, that with Vanderbilt in Nashville, on Thanksgiving Day.

Chi is taking her share of honors this fall. Watts is assistant in English, and Berry has been appointed Tutor-Licentiate in Latin and also represents his literary society in the inter-society debate.

With best wishes to all,

HENRY J. WHITRIELD.



Pai

North Georgia Agricultural College

The college has sustained a great loss in the death of the venerable Colonel Price, who founded the college, and has been president of the Board of Trustees since its beginning. By his death the college lost its best friend and most ardent supporter, and each and every student feels his loss keenly. It gives me much pleasure to introduce to the fraternity Lee B. Matthews, of Hawkinsville.

Psi Chapter will combine with Kappa Chapter of Sigma Nu in giving a smoker at an early date.

One of our sisters was kind enough to send the chapter an invitation to the Thanksgiving reception at Brenau, and several of us will attend.

Brother Galloway, captain of our football team, had the misfortune to break his leg at practice several weeks ago. He is getting along nicely at present, and is able to move around a little with crutches.

Psi wishes all the brothers a most enjoyable Christmas.

CHARLIE E. POWER.



Omega

State University

We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large our two new men: William Collins, of North Middletown, and J. Reed Ashbrook, of Cynthiana. We are sorry indeed that fraternity material has been so small this year and we, like the other members of "Greekdom," have suffered a weakness in numbers.

Football is the topic of the hour with us at present. We are jubilant over the improvement of our team and now the road to the State championship seems clear. State this year has had a harder schedule than formerly so all our games were not victorious—State was defeated by Michigan, Sewanee and Tennessee this season, while on the other side of the column we have the victories over Maryville, Berea and Rose Polytechnic. The Thanksgiving game—the most important game of the season—seems to be on our side of the fence. Central University of Danville are the foes we fight for State championship and the game will develop to be "Greek versus Greek." To G. White Gwyn must be attributed the success of our

team and we are happy in the thought that he has coached the "State Champs" for two winning seasons.

We are indeed glad to hear of the success of one of Omega's old men, namely, J. Hewey Letton. Brother Letton has worked his way up in the banking world and is now cashier of the First National Bank of Jackson, Ky. He graduated in '07 as a civil engineer but did not follow his profession.

Since our last letter Fulton of Bardstown, has left us to take up his duties at Bardstown, Ky. We missed him very much.

Our annual class games were pulled off during the month and as usual they were very interesting. The Freshman-Soph, game was a tie while the Juniors defeated the Seniors 4-0. It has been almost an invariable result that the Seniors beat their opponents but the tables were turned this year and the Juniors are "painting the town" and "sporting" off of Senior money. The IIs, however, were poorly represented on the class teams. Our athletic field is to be improved in several ways. As it is we have one of the best in the South, but it needs some few improvements. It is to be enlarged sufficiently to have two football fields and a baseball field.

We had with us during the month several out-of-town IIs. Alpha-Lambda had several men to visit us and we regret to say that they do not come oftener. From all appearances they seem to be in fine fix.

Brother Harry T. Letton was up to take in one of our cadet hops. We are always glad to see any of the IIs and if they make their presence known we will sure give them a good time.

After some legal discussion over the validity of an appropriation given to the university by the State Legislature, we have at last the assurance of getting the needed funds. There are nine good courses in college and the equipment of some of these needs to be improved. The

quarters here are somewhat crowded and more room is needed. A new building—the Civil Engineering Hall—is rapidly nearing completion and it will certainly be a boost to the cause. Our library will be thoroughly equipped by Xmas and this is another thing the students are looking forward to at present.

We were glad to note the seeming prosperity of all our chapters and hope that more such news will soon be heard. Omega extends to all her sister chapters the best wishes for joyous holidays.

W. W. HILLENMEYER.



Alpha-Alpha

News items are unusually scarce at Trinity College at present. Especially those relating to fraternity. As usual for us, this is the dullest part of the year. Not being allowed to play football, there is scarcely any enthusiasm shown except what little is exhibited over tennis and basketball. The basketball team has not yet been selected, but Alpha-Alpha hopes to be represented as Stewart and Gantt are playing for positions. Gantt was a member of last year's team. Stewart also made one place this season on the Junior class tennis team.

As we do not initiate until February 1st, it is almost impossible to say to how many Freshmen we will administer the "Billy Goat" ride.

For some reason heretofore the faculty has objected to the student body putting out an annual. There is now a strong movement on foot to get one out this year. With all probability Trinity will publish her first annual this coming spring.

We are glad to hear of the completion of Pi Kappa Alpha manual. It is the duty of every "Pike" whether now an active member or not, to subscribe for one, as it is a very worthy enterprise. The alumni of Pi Kappa Alpha are by no means asleep in North Carolina. Recently there have been several alumni chapters established in various towns in this State. This is a good thing. There is no department in the fraternity of such vital importance as the alumni. For, if the enthusiasm and fraternity spirit is kept alive among the alumni, then the active chapters do not have such a hard struggle.

We have recently had a visit from W. J. Whitley, of the class of '07. He is now manager of McReel-Richardson Hardware Company, of Washington, N. C.

We were also glad to have Jim Wiggins, of Tau, visit us a few days ago.

With best wishes to all II's,

W. S. STEWART.



Alpha-Gamma

Louisiana State University

Alpha-Gamma takes pleasure in introducing the following initiates: J. R. Perez, Jesuit Bend, La.; P. I. Miller, Carencro, La.; J. T. Laycock, Baton Rouge, La.; H. V. Moseley, Alexandria, La.

We also have had the pleasure of welcoming in our midst H. C. Walker, Jr., Sigma, Horner, La., an alumnus of Vanderbilt, who is taking law here.

With these men we now have eleven active members. This number will probably be added to after the end of the first term as we have several men in view who will be eligible for admittance there.

Alpha-Gamma is in an excellent condition. We have a representative bunch, our men figuring prominently in every department of the university, and in every form of college activity, and the internal condition of the chapter is, we believe, better than ever before. If all continues to go well, Alpha-Gamma will soon be what it has been our

desire to make it—the stronghold of II A K in the South-west.

So far Alpha-Gamma has received the following honors: G. P. Tesley, president of the Senior law class; S. E. Mary, first vice-president of the Cotillion Club; T. M. Wade, Jr., treasurer of the Senior academic class; H. V. Moseley, associate editor of the *Reville*, and P. J. Miller, corporal in Cadet Battalion.

The all-absorbing topic of interest at the Louisiana State for the last six weeks has been football. Under the coaching of Wingard, our '08 football team has made itself famous. It has already run up more than twice as many points as any other varsity in the South, and the end is not yet as it has several more games to play. Also, it has the distinction of running up the highest score so far this season—89 to 0 against Baylor University of Texas.

In connection with football, the visit of Brothers Mc-Leod, Rothrock and Stokes, of the S. P. U. eleven, is brought to mind with pleasure. We were indeed glad to meet some of our Tennessee brothers and hope that others will pay us a visit.

With the wish that each and every man of our Shield and Diamond may have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

THOS. M. WADE, JR.

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Alpha-Delta

Georgia School of Technology

We are just beginning to realize that school is in full sway, although it has been in session for two months. Alpha-Delta plunged into the "rush" and came out with three good men, who have been duly initiated. These are as follows: C. H. Peacock, Macon, Ga.; J. W. McKenzie, Montezuma, Ga.; C. J. Matthews, Fort Valley, Ga.

We were not represented on the Varsity football squad

this year, but several of our number played on the scrub team.

Tech's football season closes Thanksgiving Day with a game with Clemson, and we hope to celebrate the season's close by winning the game. Considering the material Tech had this fall, her team has played very creditable ball, with the exception of one game, in which the team "blew up" completely.

A good band has been organized by a number of our musically inclined students, and its inspiring music has on football occasions done much to cheer our hard-fighting players. We also have promise of a good Glee Club this year. The club intends to make a tour of several of the principal cities of Georgia. A movement is on foot to organize a class football league in order that we may have football games after the regular Varsity season is over.

Alpha-Delta's chapter room is 911 Austell Building. All II's visiting Atlanta are cordially invited to be with us on Saturday nights. We are to have an informal smoker on Thanksgiving evening in honor of our alumni.

Best wishes for the year that has begun so well.

SAM N. HODGES.



Alpha-Epsilon

North Carolina A. & M. College

We have initiated one more man and wish to introduce W. E. Blair of Buffalo, N. Y.

Thus far our football season has been very successful, having lost only one game, in which two of our best men were unable to play. We are confident of victory against Virginia Tech in the great Thanksgiving game in Norfolk. Great preparations have been made for this contest and almost the entire student body will accompany the team on a special train to Norfolk to witness one of the greatest battles ever fought on a Southern gridiron.

Alpha-Epsilon is more than sorry to lose Brother Morton, who came to us from Davidson College. He remained only a short time, to prepare himself for an examination to enter the U. S. Marine Corps.

The students of this college are very much interested in an aeroplane recently invented by Dr. A. Rudy, head of our Modern Language Department. A model of this machine has been completed and some very interesting experiments made with it. These trials were very encouraging to the inventor and pointed to a great success for him.

The Y. M. C. A. has been unusually active at A. & M. this year. A membership campaign was recently started and gives promise for a great many new members for this organization. The new quarters of the Y. M. C. A. have been finished and are now in use. These rooms are tastefully decorated with pennants from the various schools, college pictures and trophies, and numerous other decorations of interest to college men. The reading rooms contain college magazines, annuals and other publications and are a source of much interest to the students.

Basket-ball, never before played here, has been introduced and a great deal of interest has been taken in it. Although there will probably be no inter-collegiate games this season, by next year we expect to have a schedule arranged with other colleges.

Alpha-Epsilon hopes that every Pi will have a very merry Christmas.

D. H. Hill, Jr.



Alpha-Zeta

University of Arkansas

For the second time this year Alpha-Zeta has the pleasure of extending to all the Pi tribe a hardy handshake, wishing them much happiness and success.

About the first thing of athletic importance is the success being enjoyed by our boys on the gridiron. The sea-

son was opened with the Haskell redskins on our home grounds, where we defeated them by a score of 6-0. battle was hotly contested. Mississippi came next, with the usual characteristic valor of that Southern State, but departed defeated by a score of 32-0. Our coach, Bedzek, who hails from Chicago, where he held fullback on that famous eleven of some few years ago attributes our defeat at the hands of St. Louis not by the scientific play used by that team, but by the brute force they exercised. We were defeated by Oklahoma and two days later we met Texas where our standard went down in defeat again. As it is not customary for the State University to enter into athletic contests with the State denominational schools, we will not mention the overwhelming defeats given to Ouachita and Henderson. The most interesting game of the season will be played at Little Rock on Thanksgiving Day. It is there that we expect a hard-fought battle as the Arkansas razorbacks and Louisiana tigers are storing up strength for a tremendous contest.

Everything is going on smoothly about the campus. Cobwebs have formed on the pen of the secretary and on the matriculation book and we have abandoned all hope of going above last year's enrollment, which hovered in the neighborhood of 1,400. It is noticeable, however, that most of the new students are classed collegiate showing that compared with last year the real standard of the school has been raised.

The University on a whole is growing in every way. A new dormitory probably will be erected before summer. A Y. M. C. A. building adequate for an enrollment five times what it is now will be constructed before the opening of another fall. A trolley line will be established soon, between this place and Eureka Springs, thus affording a new and shorter route to the homes of many students. The wonderful success achieved by the Glee Club of last year has stimulated that organization to raise a higher

standard. They expect to tour again the State during the winter. President Tillman and the Governor of this State, have just returned from a visit among many of the Northwestern schools, where conditions were carefully noted.

Our new hall has been re-carpeted and with a new set of furniture and an increase of wall pictures, we can not help but feel proud of our meeting place. The latchstring always hangs on the outside for every Pi.

A fudge party was given in our hall not long ago and was enjoyed to such an extent that a reception boom was immediately raised. In order that enthusiasm might not die away and our most cherished hopes come to naught, Brother Roy Chamberlain at once proposed that we order invitations and contract for the music. This happened a short time back, but work has been carried forward so rapidly that the results will culminate about December 12th.

The following changes have taken place among the graduates of last year: Samuel Davies, who has been taking a post on his civil engineering course, left a week ago to take charge of some construction work at Joplin, Missouri. Rush Smith, of Malvern, packed his grip two weeks ago and passed down to Shreveport, Louisiana, where he will follow his calling—that of banking. Elmore Thompson, of Warren, has abandoned his dream of medicines and fate has decreed that he, too, shall follow fortune through the medium of banking.

The fourth anniversary of Pi Kappa Alpha in Arkansas was celebrated on November 18th by an eight-o'clock supper. Several of the alumni and all of the probable members were present. After a preliminary gathering in the halls all went down to the dining-room, where a high carnival was held until 9 o'clock. After this fudge and cigars mixed with plenty of laughter, were freely dispensed in the halls until 11 o'clock, when all scores had been settled

and stories old and new had been spun by the elder salts. A brief talk was then delivered by Brother Thomas Barnett, closing a pleasant evening.

ROY GOODWIN.

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Alpha-Eta

University of Florida

Owing to the lack of available material Alpha-Eta is sorry no new men have been initiated as yet. But we have several men under consideration.

We have just received two sets of mission wood furniture for our chapter rooms, and consider ourselves fixed as well as any other of the fraternities here. Our rooms are located in the central part of the city, and every means of comfort is available.

Our football team this year has made a splendid showing, but not as well as expected to, owing to the limited number of men we had to select from. Our coach, Mr. J. M. Pile, deserves much credit.

Our first game was played at Macon, Ga., against Mercer, in which we tasted defeat, 24-0. Our second game in Jacksonville against Riverside, defeating them 4-0. On October 21st we defeated the Gainesville team 38-5. This was when it was a shame to take the money. October 31st Rollins defeated us 6-0. On November 7th, the most exciting and fascinating game ever played here was between Stetson and Florida. The game closed with a final score of 6-5 in our favor. November 13, we swallowed a victory against Riverside, 37-0—game called on account of darkness. This was another case when it was a shame to take the money. Our last game was at Deland, Fla., against Stetson, resulting in neither side scoring.

We are represented this year in the football squad by Bartleson, who plays quarterback, and who has proved to be the leading star in every game. We all congratulate him and feel proud of his success.

We were glad to receive a visit from T. J. Townsand, of Lake Butler, Fla., who is a charter member and Alpha-Eta's first initiate.

G. T. Jarrell is located near here this year, having a contract on a railroad, and often pays us visits.

The Florida Pennant, the University publication, is better this year than last and proves to be very interesting to the entire student body.

We wish each and every II a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in the interest of II K A.

LEWIS K. RILEY, JR.

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Alpha-Theta

West Virginia University

Alpha-Theta is unable to introduce any new IIs, Lut hopes to do so in the next letter. On December 4th we expect to hold our regular fall initiation.

The football season is now over and West Virginia has made a very good record. Pi Kappa Alpha was represented on the team by J. L. Core, while B. M. Smith was assistant manager.

In our last letter it was stated that West Virginia supported the Δ X legal fraternity. This was an error, as the chapter was discontinued because of Δ X's ruling out other fraternity men.

On November 14th J. L. Core and B. M. Smith were initiated into the \odot N E fraternity, these being the first ones of our chapter to enter that fraternity.

Alpha-Theta has not failed to take honors this year. J. L. Core played Varsity football. H. L. White is a member of the Athenaeum Board of Editors, and critic of the Parthenon Literary Society. H. H. Holt is president of the Senior law class. B. M. Smith is historian of the Junior law class, a member of the Board of Editors of the Year Book, assistant manager of the football team, and secretary of the Pan-Hellenic Dancing Association.

We are very glad to inform the fraternity that Brother Seibert, of Martinsburg, was elected to the West Virginia Legislature.

Alpha-Theta extends to Brother Sale her hearty congratulations and wishes for him a long, happy and prosperous life.

B. M. SMITH.

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Alpha-Iota

Nothing of especial interest has happened in fraternity circles at Millsaps. The other two fraternities here, the Kappa-Alpha and Kappa-Sigma, have each initiated one new member, but as yet Alpha-Iota has attempted to make no additions to her chapter roll because of faculty restrictions. We are not allowed to initiate new men until they have successfully completed one term's work in the collegiate department. The first term will end about the first of February and at that time we expect to initiate several worthy men.

We entertained our friends among the non-fraternity men at an informal stag reception a few weeks after school opened. Fruit, punch and cigars were served during the evening and all our guests seemed to have enjoyed the occasion very much.

In the literary societies this session we are more than holding our own. In the Lamar, Mullins has been elected as representative in the Millsaps Southern debate which will take place next spring, and Crisler has been elected as one of the commencement debaters. In the Galloway Williams was elected as commencement debater and also as assistant business manager of the college annual. Neill is one of the mid-session debaters and Steunis was elected as orator for the anniversary occasion.

On The Collegian staff we have Mullins, alumni editor, and Stennis, local editor. On the annual staff we have

Mullins, club editor; Williams, assistant business manager, and Stennis, athletic editor. In our college glee club we are represented by Jumper, Lewis and Williams.

Our college is barred by conference restrictions from inter-collegiate athletics, so that the athletes on our campus have been putting their energy into a series of interclass football games. The series has not been finished yet, and it is hard to pick the winners. However it seems to your scribe that the Junior team will win the loving cup which is given by one of the members of our faculty. We are represented on the Junior team by Neill, C., Williams, L. H., and Alexander, R. G., on the Sophomore by Buck, L. T., and Lewis, O. B., and all these men are playing winning ball and are to be reckoned with in the games.

The work on our new athletic field is progressing nicely and no doubt the field will soon be completed. We will then be in a better position than ever before to organize winning teams and will next spring play inter-collegiate baseball if the conference does not blight our prospects by issuing another edict against inter-collegiate athletics.

TOM A. STRNNIS.

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Alpha-Kappa

Missouri School of Mines

Alpha-Kappa takes great pleasure in introducing the following men to the fraternity: Andre Joseph Kerr, St. Louis, Mo.; Harold Dennis McKibben, Kansas City, Mo.; Alexander Scott Bilderback, Kansas City, Mo.; Robert Crofts Purcell, St. Louis, Mo.

Events are running smoothly at Rolla and nothing exciting has happened.

The Thanksgiving game will close what has been a rather disastrous season for Rolla so far as games won is concerned but the team has gone up against teams much out of our class and has made a record for grit and gameness

against odds. We are hoping for a victory over Drury Thanksgiving. It is the only team we will meet this year in our own class. Kerr and McKibben have made good on the team and are putting up a fine game. Kerr is at left end and McKibben at right tackle.

The basketball team is hard at work now. Last year the game was in an experimental stage here but this year a full schedule has been arranged and a large squad is trying for the team.

Brother Mann has returned to college and is instructor in metallurgy. He is also working for his degree as Master of Science in Metallurgical Engineering.

The time for the December exams, is approaching, and the Rolla men are preparing for the three weeks "boning" before them. We will all breathe a little easier when they are over.

The chapter gave one of the most delightful dances of its career October 31st. As guests we had Director Young and wife and a representative from each of the other fraternities.

Alpha-Kappa wishes all the IIs a Merry Christmas.

T. S. DUNN.

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Alpha-Lambda

Georgetown University

Alpha-Lambda again sends greetings to all her sister chapters. We read with pleasure the first issue and are very glad to see the bright prospects for II K A this year.

Our football season ended November 20 with a game against Central University. The score, 20-0 in favor of Central, was very disappointing, but the team deserves great credit for their game fight against odds. Howard and Kenney at the two halfs and Robinson at end, did Alpha-Lambda proud. Moreland, who is quite ill with typhoid fever, was out of the game, and was greatly missed.

We were glad to see Howard Meng and Field, of Kappa, at the game.

With the closing of the football season attention is turned to basketball. Georgetown prospects for a winning team are especially good this year. We hope to have a fair representation on the team. Brother Howard is manager.

With best wishes for a merry vacation for each and every II. Grant Bradford.



Alpha-Mu

University of Georgia

Alpha-Mu has been working hard since the opening of college and, we are proud to say, her efforts have met with considerable success. From an inauspicious beginning, caused by the fact that only two members returned to college, our numbers have gradually been increased until at present we have nine. We have been greatly handicapped by Brother Blodgett's withdrawal from college. He was one of our most loyal members and his loss will be a severe blow to the chapter.

The new men are: Cecil Neal, of Gainesville, Ga.; R. L. Stephens, of Atlanta, Ga.; H. C. Smith, of Winder, Ga.; J. F. Blodgett, of Atlanta, Ga.; J. S. McClellan, of Atlanta, Ga., and C. C. Small, of Macon, Ga. We also have with us W. T. Townsend, an affiliate from Psi Chapter. We will initiate one new man next month and have several under consideration.

At present indications we will be in a chapter house on or about the first of January. All the leading fraternities here have houses and the lack of ours has been a serious handicap to us in getting new men. But, when this disadvantage is removed, we feel confident that we will be on an equal footing with the best.

Our football team, under the efficient management of

Brother De La Perriere is about to finish a very successful season. Only one game has been lost and prospects are very bright.

Best wishes to all Pi's.

CORBIN C. SMALL.

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Alumnus Upsilon

Charlotte, N. C.

The organization meeting of Alumnus Upsilon Chapter was held in the Kappa Phi Hall in the North Carolina Medical College Building, in Charlotte, N. C., on the evening of November 30th, with the following enrollment: Brothers Robert H. Lafferty, C. H. Little, D. J. Hunter, A. J. Beall, Jr., Charlotte; Arthur C. Jones, Joe G. Ray, Gastonia; J. D. Fulf, Winnsboro, S. C.; P. A. Stough, Cornelius, N. C. Brothers H. R. Deal, D. W. Dodge, R. D. Dodge and O. E. Buchholz, from Beta, came down from Davidson especially to be present at the meeting, which was filled with enthusiasm, and promises to be a stepping-stone to greater influence for Pi Kappa Alpha in Southern and Western North Carolina.

Brother Robt. H. Lafferty, at whose instance the clan assembled, called the meeting to order. Brother Arthur C. Jones was elected chairman of the meeting, and the following officers and standing committees, were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. Chas. E. Raynal, S. U. C.; Robt. H. Lafferty, I. M. C.; Rev. F. D. Jones, W. C.; Arthur C. Jones, S. C.; Rev. C. H. Little, Chapter Correspondent.

Committee on Entertainment: A. J. Beall, Jr., chairman; D. F. Hunter, Joe G. Ray, C. E. Raynal, Robt. H. Lafferty.

Co-Operative Committee: A. J. Beall, Jr., chairman, Charlotte; Henry Rhyne, Mt. Holly, N. C.; Archie Lee, Monroe, N. C.; P. M. Lafferty, Kanapolis, N. C.; Arthur C. Jones, Gastonia, N. C.

After the transaction of minor business matters, including the fixing of an annual fee, dates for regular meetings, and arrangement for a holiday banquet, the meeting adjourned.

ARTHUR C. JONES, S. C.

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Alumnus Eta

New Orleans, La.

The regular meeting of Alumnus Eta was held in the early part of October with a very good attendance and plans for the convention, which is now holding the center of the stage in the affairs of this chapter, were discussed. Several committees were named to look into the details and it is expected that when these men report at the next meeting preparations will have been started in earnest. Every member of the chapter seems to be very much interested and I still hold to my prediction that we are going to have the finest convention in the history of the fraternity.

There has been a very strong interest shown by some of our members in the active Eta Chapter here and a number of whom have been in regular attendance at the meetings of our younger brothers. This is always of mutual advantage as the younger men profit by the more mature counsel of the older men while the interest of the older men in the fraternity, that has perhaps been dormant for years, is stimulated when they see a candidate doing a circus girl stunt on the back of the "Billy" and for the time forget themselves and get right into the game. would suggest to some of my Alumni brothers to go to the next meeting of any active chapter that they may be near, especially on an initiation night and unless you are entirely hopeless it will come very near limbering you This practice has had an excellent effect on both our active chapter here and our own members.

I was in hopes that I could give the fraternity a little

more definite news about the coming convention, but as the plans are still in the hands of committees we have decided nothing definite, but I will very probably be able to fulfill my promise in my next letter.

In behalf of Alumnus Eta, I want to extend the very heartiest wishes for a merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year and assure each member that we are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the time we hope to meet you all personally at the Convention here in 1909.

ROBERT A. STRONG, M. D.

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Alumnus Phi

Hattlesburg, Miss.

A charter has been granted to the following Alumni for Alumnus Phi Chapter at Hattiesburg, Miss: W. W. Hutchinson, Alpha-Gamma; C. L. Neill, Alpha-Iota; E. A. Currie, Alpha-Iota; Toxy Hall, Alpha-Iota; Earnest Mohler, Alpha-Iota; C. H. Kirkland, Alpha-Iota; F. F. Flynt, Alpha-Iota.

This chapter is now in process of organization and a full account of it will appear in the next issue.



Alumnus Chi

Muskogee, Okla.

Just as the forms for this issue are closing, an application has been received from our far Western territory for an Alumnus Chapter, with headquarters at Muskogee, in the State of Oklahoma. The following II's are charter members: Giles A. Penick, Muskogee, Beta; Nat. T. Wagner, Tahlequah, Beta; J. Ford Johnston, Bacone, Alpha-Lambda; Chas. A. Cook, Jr., Muskogee, Sigma; G. E. McLowrine, Muskogee, Sigma.

The charter has been issued and the organization meeting will be held during Christmas week. This chapter determines to push the work of establishing active chapters in our Western territory.

The Pi's

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In order to make this department complete and more interesting, each member is earnestly requested to forward promptly to the Editor or Assistant Editor, any item of news concerning a brother member which may come under his notice.

- —Thos. J. Moore is assistant cashier of the Bank of Lumberton, Lumberton, N. C., which has a paid-in capital stock of \$50,000.
- -W. Houston Argabrite, Alpha-Lambda, is associate editor of the Georgetown News, Georgetown, Ky.
- —The following newspaper notice will be read with interest regarding our brother of Xi:

Charleston, W. Va., November 2.—Special: The Hon. Thos. F. Brantley, of South Carolina, has just concluded a speech-making campaign for the national and State tickets in West Virginia. Mr. Brantley addressed a large number of meetings in Greenbrier and Monroe, and made a splendid impression, and the Democratic managers of West Virginia felt very grateful to him for a week of energetic work in which he discussed the issues in a masterly manner.

- —C. H. Lambert, Alpha-Zeta Chapter, formerly at Lake Village, Ark., now has charge of the Forest City Public Square of Forest City, Ark.
- —A. E. Escott, Alpha-Epsilon, is secretary of the Raleigh Cotton Mills, Raleigh, N. C. These mills were established in 1890 and were awarded the prize at the Jamestown Tercentennial Exposition.

- —Sam G. Davies, Alpha-Zeta, is with the Frisco System of railways in the maintenance of way department, and his address is No. 1015 Main street, Joplin, Mo., where he will be glad to see any II's.
- —Granville S. P. Holland, Jr., Tau, graduated from the Law Department of the University of North Carolina, is now in the real estate business with the Virginia Investment Co., Inc., Suffolk, Va.
- —Birmingham News of October 17, 1908, contained the following regarding our brother:

Mr. and Mrs. Pleasants W. Hill announce the engagement of their daughter, Argus, to Mr. Cecil Alexander, the wedding to be solemnized the afternoon of November 25th, at the East Lake Baptist Church.

- —George Everett Nance, Omicron, is studying medicine at the University College of Medicine, Richmond, Virginia, and by his excellent work is making an enviable name for himself. His present address is 413 East Clay street, Richmond, Virginia.
- —J. Gordon Bohannon, Gamma and Alpha, is Commonwealth's Attorney of Surry County, Virginia, and he is also a member of the State Board of Asylums and Hospitals. His success in his chosen profession has been phenomenal, and great things are expected of him.
- —Lunsford Hoxley Lewis, Alpha, is studying medicine at the University College of Medicine, Richmond, Virginia. His address is 20 East Marshall street, Richmond, Virginia.
- —Archer Lee Blackwell, Gamma, is teaching school near Lexington, Virginia.
- —James Allison Carson, Jr., Gamma, is principal of the High School at Port Norfolk, Virginia.
- —Rev. C. B. Wilmer, D.D., Alpha, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Atlanta, Ga., about the middle of No-

vember, received a call to Christ Episcopal Church, Little Rock, Ark. A committee from the Arkansas church visited Atlanta and extended the call. Immediately Brother Wilmer's congregation raised a protest and in response to the earnest and unanimous request of his congregation, he has declined the call and will remain in Atlanta.

—Edward S. Cowles, M.D., Gamma, was married October 8th at Greenfield Hill, Conn., to Miss Florence Jaquith, the only child of Hon. Harry N. Jaquith, of Back Bay, Mass. The Washington Post of October 11th publishing an account of the wedding, adds the following regarding Brother Cowles:

Dr. Cowles comes from a proud Southern family. He attended William and Mary College, the University of Virginia, and Harvard medical school, specializing in nervous and mental diseases. During the last year Dr. Cowles has been examining physician for the Emmanuel movement under the direction of the Rev. Elwood Worcester.

Here he met beautiful Miss Jaquith and sought her hand. They quietly slipped away a few days ago and were wedded. Dr. Cowles was appointed delegate to the International Tuberculosis Congress, at Washington, by his friend, Governor Swanson, of Virginia.

Mrs. Cowles is a striking brunette, and is considered one of the handsomest belies of the younger Back Bay set.

Dr. Cowles has been practicing medicine in Boston for about a year with very great success. The best wishes of all the Π 's will follow the happy couple.

—The following from *The Washington Herald* of November 18th, gives an account of the wedding of our brother of Alpha-Theta:

Oakyand, Md., November 18.—Lawrence Cook Yeardley, of Morgantown, and Miss Elizabeth Jeannette Vincent, of Fairmont, were married at the Commercial Hotel here yesterday, by Rev. J. B. Workman, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church. The marriage was a surprise to the friends of the couple.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Vincent, of Watson, Va., and she has been connected with the publication of the Fairmont Times. She will remain in Fairmont till January 1, when she will join her husband at Morgantown. Mr. Yeardley is a student at West Virginia University at Morgantown, and is a well-known football star.

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Hearty congratulations and good wishes are extended the happy couple.

- —George Leroy Stevens, Gamma, Ph.D., of Hopkins, and now professor of German in Michigan, will be initiated in the Phi Beta Kappa Society at William and Mary College on December 5th, together with Pres. Edward A. Alderman, of the University of Virginia, and ex-Governor Andrew Jackson Montague, of Richmond, Virginia. Bros. J. Lloyd Newcomb, J. Gordon Bohannon and Oscar L. Shewmake, will be present at the initiation.
- -Rev. Thomas Hooper, Iota, has charge of a flourishing Presbyterian church, in Orange County, Virginia.
- —W. S. Claiborne, Chi, is organizing a school just outside of Sewanee for the mountain boys. Reports state that the school is in a very flourishing condition and more than paying expenses.
- —Rev. John Francis MacLeod, Chi, is rector of an Episcopal church in West End, Nashville, Tenn.
- —Chas. W. Underwood, Grand Secretary, was in Nashville, Tenn., Thanksgiving Day, for the football game, and while there had the pleasure of meeting a number of Pi's, including all of the active members of Chi Chapter, and Rev. Jno. F. MacLeod, Rev. P. A. Pugh, of Memphis, and Messrs. Rothrock and MacLeod, of Theta.
- —Our best wishes go out to Brother Higginbotham, of Iota and Pi, an account of whose wedding follows:

Castlewood, Va., October 24.—Special: The nuptials of Miss Eugenia Dickenson and Hon. A. Sidney Higginbotham were solemnized here at 1 o'clock Wednesday at "Walrose," the splendid home of the bride's parents.

Miss Dickenson is the daughter of Senator and Mrs. R. Walter Dickenson, and is one of the most popular and attractive young ladies in southwest Virginia.

There have been a number of house guests at "Walrose" the entire week, and the wedding festivities began Monday evening, at which time the bride's sisters gave a chafing-dish supper in her honor. On Tuesday afternoon a card party was given, and Wednesday night a dance in honor of the bride, and for the guests. Rev. Dr. C. C. Fisher, of Williamsburg, Ky., the bride's uncle,

Rev. Dr. C. C. Fisher, of Williamsburg, Ky., the bride's uncle, performed the ceremony in the presence of a brilliant company of relatives and friends. The wedding march from Lohengrin was played by Miss Spratt, of Richlands, and Miss Carden, the well-known singer of Bristol, sang "Because I Love You, Dear."

The bridal gown was a magnificent creation made princess, of white satin, with a bertha of real lace, and hand embroidered, and the maid of honor's gown was a beautiful yellow chiffon princess, trimmed in baby Irish lace. The going-away gown was a resada green, made directoire, and a toupe hat trimmed with roses.

The floral decorations throughout were profuse, beautiful and tastefully arranged, making an effect charmingly reminiscent of golden October days, and comprising clematis, yellow and white chrysanthemums, palms and potted plants. A splendid collation was served during the afternoon.

The happy couple go first to New York and thence continue the honeymoon with a trip to the Bermudas, the "paradise of the West Indies," and will be gone a month or more."

The groom's gift to the bride was a magnificent brooch of diamonds and pearls set in platinum, and the wedding presents were exceptionally numerous and attractive, many being of most substantial note.

—The following from the Gaffney Ledger of South Carolina, December 1st, will give some interesting news regarding our brother of Nu.

A recent deserved promotion that took place in this city was that of Mr. Dever Little to the superintendency of the Gaffney Manufacturing Company. Mr. Little succeeds Mr. J. D. Buice. who has held this position for more than four years, and who is one of the best mill men in this section. The Ledger is informed that Mr. Buice resigned on account of declining health. Little is a Gaffney boy. He is one of those boys you sometimes read about but seldom see. The son of wealthy parents who took pride in giving him a good collegiate education and then instilled into him the idea that man should earn his bread by the sweat of his brow. Young Little went into the mill and started at the bottom rung of the ladder. He has steadily climbed by sheer force of character and by indefatigable work from one position to another until he has reached the superintendency. We look to see him president some day. And the wealth of Dever Little's father has played no part in this ascension, other than to educate him for his life's work. It was only a few weeks ago that Mr. J. Q. Little disposed of his entire holdings, about \$20,000, in the Gaffney Manufacturing Co., and since then comes this promotion. which clearly demonstrates that Dever Little is a man of ability and that he is no pampered favorite of a corporation because of the holdings of his father.

—J. Bryan Bell, Jr., Mu, Beta and Pi, is now connected with *The State*, one of the leading newspapers of South Carolina, published at Columbia, S. C.



- —On November 10th, 11th and 12th the General Office had the pleasure of seeing Governor J. Gordon Hughes, Grand Chancellor, and enjoyed very much his visit. He was in Atlanta to stand as best man for his brother, Steven T. Hughes, Jr., who was married on Wednesday evening, November 11th, to Miss Hattie Woodrow Morris, of Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Steven T. Hughes, Jr., is superintendent of New York City branch of Phillip Morris & Co., Ltd., which is a London concern of importers and manufacturers of high grade tobaccos. Another item of interest in connection with this wedding is that Miss Morris is a sister of S. L. Morris, Jr., an active member of Beta.
- —Chas. W. Underwood, Chi, Grand Secretary, was reelected for the third time, on November 30th, a member of the Vestry of the Church of the Incarnation. For the past year he was Secretary of the Vestry. He has been elected to represent as one of the representatives of the parish annual convention of the Diocese of Atlanta to be held the 9th, 10th and 11th of December in All Saints Church, Atlanta, Ga.
- —F. Cecil Alexander, Upsilon, and Miss Argus Hill, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Hill, of East Lake, Ala., were married at East Lake Baptist Church at 2.30 p. m. Nov. 25th. The decorative motif was white chrysanthemums and ferns. The best man was C. H. G. Alexander, Upsilon, and there were six ushers. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander went to New Orleans on their bridal trip and will make their home at Belle Ellen, near Birmingham, where Bro. Alexander is civil engineer for the Bessemer Coal, Iron and Land Co. Both Bro. Alexander and his brother are also members of Alumnus Nu Chapter.

-Edward S. Cowles, Gamma, after graduation, entered educational work and became the head of the public school system at Hampton, Va., and while there was president of the Virginia State Teachers' Association for two years. and was lecturer in the Virginia Summer School of Methods, which is held at the University of Virginia. In 1900 he left school work and entered the publishing business with Silver Burdett & Co. He was four years manager of their New York office. In January, 1907, he severed his connection with Silver Burdett & Co. and accepted the management of the advertising department of D. C. Heath & Co. in Boston, where he remained until October 1st of this year, when he was elected by the board of directors of D. C. Heath & Co. as manager of their Southern office, with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga. This office embraces the following States: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee. Kentucky. D. C. Heath & Co. are publishers of school and college text-books exclusively and are the largest publishers in America of modern language texts, and the third largest text-book house in this country. Cowles and his charming wife are now at the Majestic Hotel, but will soon secure their own home.

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"Eta-Prime of Kappa Sigma—An Historical Sketch," is the title of a book that has been published by Eta-Prime Chapter of Kappa Sigma, located at Trinity College, Durham, N. C. The work is a history of that chapter, and it is a book of which the Kappa Sigma Fraternity may well feel proud. Very few chapters of any fraternity have published histories, although all perhaps have records from which histories could be made; generally, however, the man to do the work is lacking.

The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma has made another change—and again it is for the better. Instead of having eight Caduceus numbers, and two Star and Crescent numbers a year, it is proposed to have ten Caduceus numbers as well as two Star and Crescent numbers.

The Regent of Sigma Nu, in calling the attention of that fraternity to certain matters that should be considered by the fourteenth grand chapter, to convene in Chicago on the last day of this year, and after stating that Sigma Nu should work for the welfare of the institutions in which it has chapters, says:

It has occurred to me in connection with this advancing of the fraternity to the advocacy of the welfare of the university that it might well set aside the garb of secrecy and stand forth for what it is in the full glare of non-secrecy. I readily see the horror which this at once creates among some of the readers of this message, but, after a careful consideration of the question, what reason is there for not doing so, construed in the light of what reason there is for doing so? I believe that the college fraternity has outgrown whatever reason there ever may have been for secrecy.

At the University of Illinois there has been founded a German Fraternity, Phi XI. The *Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega, says that it intends to become national, with the chapter at Illinois as the governing one.

This from the September *Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega, to which we most heartily affix our endorsement, with reference to Pi Kappa Alpha:

Alpha Tau Omega has nothing to offer to the man who is content to wait for something to turn up. It has nothing to give to the man who has not the energy to labor, to achieve, to conquer. It bestows nothing upon the indolent, the wasteful, the ambitionless man. It can not make a scholar out of a dunce who rejoices in his foolishness nor create a saint out of unpenitent material.

Alpha Tau Omega addresses to its alumni, annually, or as often as possible, a circular letter, containing various matters of interest, and calling for responses. From these replies the fraternity is enabled to keep up with its alumni, and in addition gleans valuable bits of information which otherwise might never be learned. It is a good practice, and one that should be encouraged.

The Denver grand arch council of Phi Kappa Psi (held in July last) recommended among other things the appointment of a permanent committee of three to investi-

gate colleges in which the fraternity could establish itself, said committee to report within one year.

Sigma Chi is about to issue The Manual and Directory of the fraternity, and it is said that advance orders exceed one thousand.

The Treasurer of Phi Kappa Psi reported to the Denver grand arch council that he had on hand a balance of approximately \$11,000. What can't a fraternity do with that much cash on hand!

Kappa Kappa Gamma, at its convention held in August, went on record as favoring a late pledge day—not earlier than the beginning of the second semester. Further, that convention discouraged "mock initiations," and we most heartily agree that they should be discouraged, at least while the ritualistic part of the initiation is in progress, and immediately preceding and following.

The following editorial, from the October Beta Theta Pi, is respectfully referred to whom it may concern; if, indeed, it concerns any chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha:

During the convention the statement was more than once made by undergraduate delegates that they could not vote for one or the other of the applicants for charters because "you know we never grant but one charter a year" or "there will never be more than seventy-five chapters and we must leave room for new colleges" or "it would never do to have a new chapter so far away" and so on. Probably more than one vote was influenced by such talk as this. The undergraduates ought to know that there is no limit by law or custom to the number of charters we may grant at any one convention, that there is no limit of the size of the fraternity to seventy-five or any other arbitrary number of chapters and that the distance of a proposed chapter in the United States or Canada is no barrier. The delegates are free to vote as they please but they are not truly loyal to the fraternity when they are influenced by such arguments as these.

We take pleasure in reprinting the following, with reference to financing of chapter houses, from the Scroll, of Phi Delta Theta:



CHAPTER HOUSE FINANCIERING

Many of our chapters that are not yet financially able to acquire houses that would be satisfactory as permanent homes. should, if possible, rent houses until they can build or buy houses that will be a credit to themselves as well as to the fraternity. Probably rents will be cheaper this year than they were last year. and we believe that it is always just as cheap for active members to live together in a house that they rent as for them to live in dormitories or in boarding houses scattered through the college town. When an unfurnished house is rented, the chapter must, of course, incur considerable expense for the furnishings, and it should be very careful not to incur an obligation that it will not be possible to meet; only the necessary furniture need be bought, and, unless there are sufficient funds to furnish a kitchen and dining-room, it would be better for the members to take their meals elsewhere than in the house. By omitting the culinary arrangements, a chapter house proposition is reduced to the simplest terms. The advantage to a chapter of its active members living together are so great that it ought to make a determined effort to rent and furnish a house, to be occupied until it is able to acquire a domicile that it may call its own.

We do not wish to discourage efforts by chapters to buy or build houses. On the contrary, we urge that such investments be made, if the property can be safely acquired. No burdensome obligations should be incurred, but it may be that suitable property may be purchased on most favorable terms. It is quite probable that real estate will be low this year, and that vacant lots suitable for chapter houses, or lots containing houses suitable for chapter needs, may be purchased at bargain prices. No chapter not owning a house should let pass a really good opportunity to buy a good house, offered at an unusually low price, or to buy a building that is especially well adapted for chapter house purposes. Building materials are not so dear now as they were last year, so that a house may be built for considerably less than was then possible. But before any building plans are formed, safe financial plans should be adopted. It is practically impossible either to buy or build a house with which a chapter should be satisfied, without incurring some debt, but the debt should not be too large to be safely carried. The receipts from room rent and regular chapter dues should be sufficient to meet current expenses, including interest on the debt, taxes, insurance and repairs, while a sinking fund should be provided, with notes given by members, payable annually within three or five years after they leave college.

If building plans are based on such a safe and sane policy, the alumni may be depended upon to respond liberally to requests for financial assistance. In our opinion, however, two things are important. One is that a representative of the building committee should see the alumni in person when soliciting assistance. Much more money will be raised that way than by sending out circulars or letters, as such communications are apt to be thrown into waste-paper baskets. The other important matter is to request alumni to subscribe to chapter house bonds, secured by

mortgage on the property, in addition to whatever amounts they are willing to give outright. Alumni may be asked to subscribe to second mortgage bonds, while first mortgage bonds may be issued to a trust company or some other financial institution. In this way sufficient funds for acquiring a good property may be secured by any chapter. Alumni will assist to a much larger extent by subscribing to bonds than by donations, even though the bonds are secured by only a second mortgage.

A final word: While times are hard, it would be well for chapters to cut out some of their expensive receptions and entertainments, if they interfere with making payments on debts for chapter houses or house furnishings, or if they interfere with a chapter acquiring a house or furnishing a rented one. Social functions given by chapters in moderation are all right, but there are more important things to be considered. A permanent home

is more to be desired than a series of dances.

The following from the Quarterly of Pi Beta Phi, on fraternity obligations, is of interest:

The obligations which are assumed by all fraternity men, when they are elected to office, are not of a trifling nature; they are as important and as binding as any obligation we may assume in connection with any business.

Our fraternity is a business, in a certain sense of the word. We are incorporated; we have certain obligations which are binding; we have duties to perform and these duties must be performed in an honest and upright manner.

The members at large do not realize what it is to have in charge the direction of a fraternity like ours. There is a great responsibility attached, and a weak officer can, in a great measure, be detrimental to our organization.

Every officer in the different chapters, as well as the supreme officers, should work with an enthusiasm which is characteristic of a real fraternity man; they should try to set examples for one another, aim to do the best they possibly can. High aims form high characters, and great objects bring out great minds. Let us not say: "Every man is the architect of his own fortune," but let us say: "Every man is the architect of his own character."

Work for your fraternity as you would for your business or your profession.

We quote from an editorial in the October issue of the Journal of Sigma Phi Epsilon:

If we are not able to meet the questions of thinking men, then we had better close doors and cease forever trying to do business. Are we making good? Is the modern fraternity delivering the goods? If not, why not?

The real cry of the world to-day is not for more wealth. There's plenty of wealth in our broad lands. 'Tis not for more pleasure; 'tis not for more health. The real cry of the world is for more men. The place of the sissy and the mollycoddle has gotten too hot for him, and the profligate and the coward are

being hounded from the land. Men, more men! is the cry of a needy world. Unless we are meeting that cry with a satisfactory answer and delivering the product, our colors are trailing in the dust and our position is doomed. The real man possesses three things—a perfect body, a capable mind, and a noble soul.

The fraternity has always stood for a perfect body in her men. She has produced the greatest athletes in gymnasium, on gridiron, and on track, and her records in this respect are very fair. But is the result sufficient to make good her claims in this direction? Should we not be more rigid in demanding that fraternity men should universally present a perfect physique to the world? How about those weaklings in our ranks suffering from the effects of sin in their bodies? We are being judged by the physical appearance of our men in general, not by the splendid build and great deeds of our star athletes.

This from the September Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and who will say it is not true?

A chapter has to keep its membership up to a fixed minimum; in doing this a healthy, progressive chapter will work hard to get the good men, while a lazy chapter will lower its standard. The doctrine that one mistake will do harm for which a dozen good men can not atone is safe and sound, but when a chapter keeps its membership away below normal, explaining its policy as "conservative," the real reason is either laziness or stupidity.

Go easy with the man whom you can not find out much about and be fair with one well recommended before you turn him down. Be governed not by a man's appearance but by his manner, not by his accomplishments but by his personal taste. Let us repeat that we do not want the men who would join Sigma Alpha Epsilon because of a good chapter-house or prestige in college affairs or national prominence. We want the men who are looking for warm hearts and comrades true, and we want to ask them to join our fraternity because we find them congenial spirits, each one with the ear-marks of a gentleman. Let us consider our rushing, then, as a personal equation, which can not be solved before the minus quantities have been eliminated.

That the Western fraternities, and Western institutions, are making themselves known, witness the following from the December Scroll of Phi Delta Theta:

The western fraternities did not become established in eastern institutions until a decade or two after the war. The western universities did not begin to develop upon a large scale until about the same time. But in the last twenty-five years there has been a wonderful development among the state universities of the West, and there are now more big institutions west of the Alleghenies than east of them. Each big Western state has a great university, and besides there are in the West several institutions of the highest standing that do not receive state support. The educational center of the United States has shifted to the west during the last quarter of a century.

Chapter house activity among various fraternities is worthy of more than passing interest. The following references to a very few fraternities will give an idea of the development of this branch of fraternity life:

Kappa Sigma reports that nearly all of those chapters which do not now possess chapter houses, are taking steps towards this end. That several of her chapters have moved into larger and better equipped chapter houses; that some chapters have plans for houses, and the necessary steps looking toward a house in the near future; that a few chapters have already secured houses since the beginning of the new college year.

Phi Kappa Psi at the Denver grand arch council recommended "that all chapters not owning houses must at once adopt that scheme, which, under the local conditions in the judgment of the chapter and alumni, will be quickest in its results."

Sigma Chi reports that funds for the erection of a memorial house at Miami, where that fraternity was founded, are coming in rapidly.

Phi Delta Theta has recently erected a house at Lafayette College (Pa.), which makes a total of six houses erected during the past year, and in addition three houses were erected during the last few months of last year. In connection with the above, it is not out of place to state that Phi Delta Theta has acquired several lots on which to build houses as soon as sufficient funds are in hand.

Taken altogether, the past year has been an active one along the lines of building houses for the chapters. It is to be hoped that the present year will be even more so.

The College World

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The recent resignations of two really great college presidents will cause universal regret among college men. President Elliot, of Harvard, has served his generation more ably, perhaps, than any living man. He has been looked up to as a leader in education in this country, since he was called to the presidency of Harvard. President Andrews, of the University of Nebraska, has also left a name in college history that must be mentioned with honor.

It becomes our sad duty to chronicle the death of Dr. Jno. B. Henneman, Professor of English at the University of the South. The South has lost one of its able men, and the University of the South the services of a brilliant professor and dean.

The next examination for Rhodes Scholars will be held in October, 1909. The Americans thus selected will take up their residence at Oxford in October, 1910.

A writer in *The London Times* has recently presented the purposes of the American University in a striking way. He says that the function of the American university is to train the citizen. It is well to have him scholarly and it would be unfortunate if he were not taught the habits of a gentleman, but first of all he must attain to the "high estate of influential citizenship." It is pointed out that the English university is largely concerned with making him a gentleman.

The 800-Club of the University of Georgia is a unique organization. Its aim is to secure for the University in 1908, 800 students and "every one a gentleman."

A new school of journalism was inaugurated at the University of Missouri this fall. Courses will be given in the history and principles of journalism, in newspaper administration, in news-gathering, in reporting. A daily newspaper of four pages, called the *University Missourian*, is issued by the school.—The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.

The attendance at the University of Missouri has reached the 2,500 mark, and the increase in attendance at the University of Arkansas in three years, is over sixty per cent. The Southwestern Presbyterian University, also, shows a much larger number than last year. Davidson College has passed the 500 mark. This growth of Southern colleges is most gratifying.

There will be a big dispute about the Southern championship in football. It appears that Auburn would not surrender the laurels to Vanderbilt, until Vanderbilt can prove that she can take them and there is always one or two teams in Virginia who can not be made to class themselves with the teams of the South, and the teams of the Southern Athletic Association can not play with them, because of their rules, so upon the whole, the athletic situation is far from ideal.

The University of Virginia, so long without a president,

is striving to show President Alderman, the present popular incumbent, that she wants him to abide with her by erecting a most beautiful home for him on the campus.

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President Wilson, of Princeton, has taken advance ground for reforming or strengthening the social life in the University. We have often spoken of the system he has worked out. The president of the University of Wisconsin, one of our most democratic and most progressive institutions, is planning a college residential life that will remedy many social evils. President Elliot had prophesied many years ago the founding of small colleges within the University. Now Charles Francis Adams proposes a scheme that would make Harvard cease except in name. It consists in the formation of a group of colleges so limited in size that individuality will be secured. fessors and students in each college shall live under the same roof and constitute one household. Are we drifting to the English system? Are there not strong arguments for it? Our present unwieldly system in the large universities possesses evils that must be remedied somehow.

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At the recent meeting of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools in the Southern States that met at Chattanooga, Tenn., one of the most important actions of recent years was taken. After long discussion, which was participated in by representatives from most of the leading colleges and preparatory schools of the South, the association by a unanimous vote, decided to adopt the four-teen-unit system of the Carnegie System for admission to colleges belonging to the association, which regulation will go into effect in 1909 and will be binding upon all of the colleges belonging to the association, a large number of which now present a much lower standard for entrance in their catalogues. The colleges and universities belonging to this association are as follows:

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In one of the chapter letters in this issue appears the following statement: "Our initiation was entirely devoid of any horse play of any kind and the effect was as pleasantly surprising to the initiates as it was satisfactory to us." This is indeed a very encouraging statement for it has been the earnest desire for some years of our founders and prominent alumni, as well as of the officers to see all of our chapters conduct the actual initiatory ceremony without any nonsense or joking.

When the Ritual was last revised at the Atlanta, Ga., Convention, Hon. Robert M. Hughes, one of the committee, wrote an introductory signed by himself and the other members of the Committee, urging that nothing derogatory to the initiation be permitted in the Chapter Hall. From time to time, articles have appeared in these pages urging the chapters to carry out this request and it is certainly gratifying to see that our Mother Chapter has taken so decided a stand in this matter.

The impression made upon new members by an initiation conducted in a dignified and solemn manner will be lasting and beneficial and make them realize that the fraternity stands for serious thought and work.

In a recent letter from an enthusiastic alumni a report is given of an initiation held by Eta Chapter in which the entire ceremony was conducted without the use of the written copy. The officers had memorized their several parts and the writer states that the effect was most impressive and a great improvement upon the usual method of reading.

Among the many changes, therefore, which the chapters are striving to make for their own betterment and strengthening, and for the advancement of the fraternity, there are none which will produce greater or more lasting benefits than the dignifying of their initiatory service. The memorizing of the parts by the officers, makes it a prettier and more finished ceremony, but it is absolutely necessary no matter how it is delivered that the ceremony should be "devoid of any suggestion of horse-play."



P ROBABLY no other one question is receiving more attention from all the fraternities than that of the Chapter Houses, and possibly in no one direction are the united efforts of every fraternity being more directed than to the ownership of these houses.

For years, Chapter Houses were very largely confined to Northern chapters but now all over the South these houses have been built and are owned by the fraternities. It is time for II K A to devote her energy and attention towards the ownership of comfortable chapter houses for every chapter. In this issue is published an article from the pen of one of the best posted fraternity men in this country explaining a plan by which a number of fraternity houses have been built and it is well worth the careful study of every one of our chapters. Probably the majority of our chapters could not undertake so expensive a house as this plan indicates, but they can all work to obtain some sort of a chapter house which later on can be enlarged.

The last Convention created the General Chapter House Fund, whose object and use is fully set forth in Section 19 of the By-Laws. The time of the next Convention is approaching and every chapter should exert itself to come up to the requirements of this section in order that it may benefit by this fund.

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THE chairman of the Committee on Songs and Music reports very little success in his efforts during the last two months to collect the songs now in use by the chapters, or to secure new ones. The majority of chapters have failed to even answer his letters, which seems a most inexplicable condition as the compilation of these songs would fill a long-felt need. Brother McSween has undertaken this work for the convenience and assistance of the chapters at their own meetings and at the General Conventions—he derives no personal benefit from it, and it seems inexcusable that the chapters should extend him so little assistance, on so important a matter, from which they alone derive the benefit.

In the last issue it was suggested that committees be appointed by each chapter to collect these songs, but from Brother McSween's report not a single chapter did this or adopted any other means for securing the song book of which we are so much in need.

II K A can have a song book just as easily as any other fraternity if the chapter members will only take some interest in the matter and do some work—or we can also continue to drift along and do nothing. Which shall it be?



TO every II wherever he may be, in his own land, or across the seas, the greetings of the season are extended with the sincere wish that the New Year may bring to him and to his, health and happiness, and the consummation of his fondest desires.

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To the Brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha:

The II's of New Orleans wish to take this opportunity to extend a hearty and cordial invitation to all II's to visit New Orleans during the coming convention. We hope that every II will consider it his duty to come, and we will endeavor to make that duty a pleasure. We want you, and not your excuse for not coming. Every chapter should use their utmost endeavors to send at least two delegates, and those chapters that are near New Orleans should come in a body. We want to make this convention the greatest in the history of Pi Kappa Alpha, and we can not do this without your assistance.

Our quaint old city, with its historic buildings, its old French Quarter, and its many other attractions, is well worth seeing. It attracts alike by the charm of beauty, and the glamor of romance, and its fame for the beauty of its fair daughters needs no herald.

In order that we may the better arrange for this convention I want to ask that the chapters will each and every one let me know how many delegates they are likely

to send, and that every Alumnus II will let me know if he can come. A prompt response to this request will greatly facilitate our work, and I earnestly request that all the readers of The Shield and Diamond will comply with it at their earliest convenience.

We hope to meet you all at the convention.

ORLOFF HENRY,

S. C. Alumnus Eta Chapter.

1217 Peniston Street, New Orleans.



The Relation of the Chapter to the Convention

HOW many of the present active members of Pi Kappa Alpha have ever attended one of their conventions and really know what they are like and what they mean to their fraternity? Have you ever stopped to consider this, and, if so, did you realize that probably only one out of every ten of our members have ever been to one?

Of course, it will be impossible for all of the members to be at New Orleans in April, but did all of those who have never attended realize the benefits and pleasures accruing upon such an attendance, this percentage would be greatly increased. The opportunity alone of meeting and knowing the delegates from other chapters, and of taking part in the deliberations pertaining to the welfare of our fraternity as a whole would more than repay any one for the time and expense he was put to. But these are merely two among the many advantages to be gained. You at once gain a knowledge of what the fraternity is doing and a realization of the fact that the work and scope of the fraternity is not bounded by the walls of the chapter room of the chapter of which you may be a member. The sooner the members of Pi Kappa Alpha come to realize this fact, the better off will they be as individual members and as chapters, and the better able will the fraternity

at large be to carry on its great work, for without an intimate knowledge of what the other chapters are doing and without co-operation among the chapters, there can be no perfect organization.—and the secret of the success of any body of men, fraternal or otherwise, is perfect oragnization. What would become of the armies and navies of the great nations of the world without this quality? The first lesson to be learned by a successful soldier is that of surrender—not the surrender of his principles and his flag, but of his petty personal ideas and ambitions which do not accord with the general plan for the welfare of the service. None the less is it true that the chapters of Pi Kappa Alpha as units in our fraternal organization must learn that the welfare of the fraternity at large is of more consequence than the gratification of individual desires which may be of assistance to one chapter while detrimental to the general well being-pro bono publico is the spirit which should actuate each chapter in a discussion of the instructions to be given to its delegate.

Along the line of instructions to delegates, it can truthfully be said that most of the delegates who come to the convention of Pi Kappa Alpha, come absolutely unprepared to make any suggestions or to express their chapter's views and sentiments on salient points. This is a deplorable fact and should be corrected, and it will, to a large extent, be corrected if the various chapters will begin now a discussion and consideration of the important questions likely to arise, and to give their delegates instructions accordingly. One of the most vital questions likely to be discussed is how to secure a chapter house for each chapter. Can you not evolve some plan of action which is superior to the present plan and likely to secure quicker results? Many of our best chapters are now in the position that they must have a chapter house within the next few years if they expect to live. Your chapter may be put

into the same predicament before many years. Does it not then behoove us all to work together to devise some plan to meet the situation? There are many other questions likely to come up which will readily suggest themselves to you and which affect not only your own chapter, but other chapters as well. You may have some suggestion to put before the convention. If so, discuss it in chapter meeting, and have your delegate instructed accordingly. By looking after such things now you will greatly expedite matters in the convention and besides benefiting the fraternity you will lessen the burden which is put upon the officers in arranging and carrying on the business. Whatever instructions you may give your delegate along various lines, let the matter be thoroughly discussed, pro and con. before doing so. Some matters may well be left to the discretion of the delegate after a thorough discussion if there is any decided sentiment against the instructions given, by a majority of the chapters. Sometimes circumstances at the convention arise which put an entirely different light on a subject and it is well for a delegate to be free to use his judgment on the most important questions. In any event, let the chapters begin at once a thorough discussion so that we may have an improvement in the situation.

New Orleans has been chosen as the place for the convention and from all reports the brothers in the two chapters there, together with the alumni chapter, are preparing to give the visiting delegates a reception they will long remember. Nothing besides this information should be necessary to cause our members to make any sacrifice to enable them to attend. However, to those who have never visited New Orleans, the opportunity to see and "take in" the most interesting of all our American cities is offered. There will be seen the old French Market with quaint French women selling coffee and doughnuts, the San Louis Hotel with its famous banquet hall, the San Louis Cathedral between two old civic buildings, significant, it is said,

of Religion supported on either hand by Law and Justice. There, in the French Quarter, will be found those old French and Spanish houses with courtvards and curious iron-work railings to the balconies, each having some tradition. There also will be seen Audubon Park with its famous and historic dueling oaks, and the Mississippi River and the levees, of which we have all read so much. and hundreds of other interesting sights. And last, but not least, in New Orleans will be found the choicest of foods, for the people there know how to live and live well. What more interesting place could have been chosen for our convention, and who, with all this, in addition to the convention itself, is going to let such an opportunity pass if they can possibly arrange to get there. Make many sacrifices if necessary to get there, but get there somehow; not only for your own sake, but for that of Pi Kappa W. R. McMurran. Alpha for she needs you.

Alumnus of Pi.

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Cultivate a Big Heart

IN the December issue of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND, a brother from Tau favored us with an excellent article relative to our proper position to the non-fraternity man. His ideas are clear and his heart is in the right place.

It seems that when the average person first hears about fraternities that hated synonym "clannishness" is towed alongside. In this way the majority of people go into their argument prejudiced, refusing to be enlightened. So it depends upon us to show them that every time it does not necessarily follow that it is "us four and no more." Wherever a frat has won that name by its exaggerated exclusiveness, I say it deserves condemnation, and is certainly detrimental to the growth of the institution in which it may exist.

Now, this is our most vital spot and it is here that we get our hottest criticisms. A few may say that we should hold aloof from the rest of the crowd, but that is, of course, the worst policy in the world. For, not only do we fail to make friends outside of our own circle, but we are also in sad ignorance when we want new men. The effect is obvious to all as it has been proved by every "clan" of self-centered egotists. At the start we lose all the prestige which we may have accumulated, and in the long run we earn the hatred of those outside the ring. When such a state of affairs exists in a chapter its members could not recognize a man of steel should he meet him in broad daylight. On the other hand, where is the man who would join a fraternity when no member of it has shown him any kindness or attention.

Among the "goats" in every college there are men of fine metal, yet these same men are not the kind to work for a frat in a direct way. If we but win the love and respect of these fellows they will do more good to the individual chapter than one may imagine. The recommendation of an admired and respected "Impossible" is worth more than the written certificate of an initiate. So let us throw off our several narrow ways and cultivate a heart big enough to enfold all men as brothers—for the glory of I K A.

T. W. Lewis, Alpha Iota.



The Past Conventions, and THE Convention

THE time is fast approaching when we will be gathering from our respective Southern homes and colleges to assemble in the second biennial convention at the place heretofore agreed upon, New Orleans. It will certainly be a pleasure to visit that place and especially to those who have never been there.

I must arrange affairs to be present, if it can possibly

be done, for I know from my experience in attending many conventions of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, what a pleasure is in store for me and for all who will come. I first attended a convention here, in my own home town, Knoxville, in June, 1899. That was the twelfth. I have been to every convention since then, that is to say those at Spartanburg, S. C.; Charlotte, N. C.; Norfolk, Va.; Nashville, Tenn.; Atlanta, Ga.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; and the last one at Richmond, Va.—eight in succession. The last one, as we all know, was the nineteenth in order, and the first biennial convention. Without exception, I have enjoyed these meetings. The only thing about the last one is that it is always better than the ones before it. It follows, therefore, that the next will be the best up to this date.

As to the reception that awaits us there, none of us can speak, except we know from the indications that "big doins" must be coming—for they are going on, down that way. Those alumni brothers have organized an alumnus chapter in the Crescent City, apparently for the very purpose of excelling all other alumni chapters' efforts in convention entertaining. And Eta—well, if she may be judged by the representatives she has sent to those conventions of the past—be prepared for the best time you ever had.

Those other officers of the convention who will be there—Sale, Mr. Sale, our benedict Pi! Don't you hope he will honor us with Her presence? That would be a pleasure, indeed.

And Governor Hughes! You haven't met him, have you? Write to him at Union, S. C. about that carriage drive to the Governor's mansion in Richmond.

And the old war horse, the man who has held office since—well, for twenty years! And the same one—Grand Treasurer, "Colonel" Robert Adger Smythe, G. T. Perhaps, if you have never met him, you may have heard from him by correspondence. You know when the con-

vention elects its other officers it is made an express condition precedent that they shall not correspond with the chapters: it is understood that Smythe will do all that could be done and should be done. He has done enough in the last twenty years to pave the way from Knoxville to New Orleans with letter paper—overland route. How much the fraternity owes to him, no one can tell; but some of us know, and our beloved fraternity stands a monument to his painstaking labor. His has been a hard position, and a difficult one to fill: yet he has filled it better than any one could have done, and with marked ability and as little impatience as any member of the fraternity would have shown. Could I take time to speak of the beloved brothers, Floyd and Robert M. Hughes, and C. W. Underwood, who has, since his election as Grand Secretary, won the hearts of the Supreme Council: and Arbuckle and all those who have been leaders in Pi Kappa Alpha I would cheerfully do so. They are men with hearts full of love for the fraternity, and that means love for their brothers. May they all meet with us when the time comes!

I sit here and think of the faces I have seen in these different years: what a noble crowd of men!—I would love to meet every one of them again in New Orleans.

A Pi Kappa Alpha convention is a busy convention. We only meet every two years, and we meet to do things! We do not waste time; every moment is filled with much to do, be it pleasure or work. Yet it is all pleasure.

But now is the time for every chapter to begin to arrange to have its delegates on hand. Not a chapter on the roll absent in Richmond! If we do better this time, there must be at least two men from each chapter—I mean, now, from the standpoint of attendance. We can do this, will we do it? Not an officer absent in Richmond; will they all be there this year? Let us come if we force things aside to do so. If I come, something, probably many

things will have to wait, but I am going to come if not absolutely impossible.

That's as strong as I can safely put it.

I want every brother in the fraternity to commence right now to look around him to some of those accredited institutions we have talked about in times past, and see if we can't extend our influence enough to be able to report something good to the convention; we haven't done our work yet—not all.

There has been a little lull in the midst of us—the calm before the breezes blow. I think 1909 ought to be the banner year in II K A.

It will be twelve years next June since I left the college walls, and my love for Pi Kappa Alpha is undiminished. I thought of this last week, when one of my friends, a most estimable man, standing among Tennessee's foremost men, himself a fraternity man, said to me: "I never could see anything in a college fraternity." I felt like saying to him it was because he joined the wrong one; but, I only said I could not agree with him in that, and we changed the subject.

There are great numbers of great and good men in the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, and when they meet together in convention there is bound to be good in the meeting. There are many orders, secret societies, etc., and it may be some fraternities that amount to nothing. Ours is not the largest by any means, but I know there is good in it, and lots of it, and it will crop out in conventions. With me, it wells up in me every time I see a Π . Every time I meet "Sinner" White, (I mean Dr. W. H. Landon White), on the streets of our city I think of the time I initiated him into Alpha Chapter. But I know I am wasting time to argue along this line to a Π .

And, furthermore, Smythe doesn't want me to monopolize the next issue, so I stop here abruptly, hoping to meet you near the Mississippi delta—in the spring.

Fraternally,

J. PIKE POWERS, JR., Grand Princeps.

The Inactive Chapter Member

NOTHING can have a more demoralizing effect on a chapter than to have on its roll members who do not keep themselves informed as to the inside workings of the fraternity. In every successful business organization of magnitude, we find that the control rests in the hands of a comparatively small number of those interested and this is as it should be because business men do not have time to go into the minute details of every venture in which they are concerned, and it is best that some one man be given the responsibility which falls upon those who aspire to places of prominence. The stockholders in our large banking institutions are not supposed to know very much about the workings of the bank in which their capital is invested, and often even the directors are woefully ignorant as to what is best to be done for the advancement of their institution. This does not affect the popularity or stability of the bank, however, because the banking public understands that the president and cashier are the ones upon whom responsibility rests and to whom they will look to see that everything connected with the bank is carried on in modern, up-to-date business methods. The officers of the bank are paid for their services and if anything goes wrong they are held accountable under our banking laws. chapters of our fraternity, however, and in any other organization whose membership is small, it is essential that each member be well acquainted with every rule, regulation and law under which we work. We can not afford to elect our officers and leave to them the labor and control of our chapter, because, if we do, there will soon come a session when no one has returned who knows what to do or how to do it, and our chapter will be like a ship without motive power. When this condition comes about in a chapter, affairs will go from bad to worse, and in less than one session THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND will let us know

that a chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha has become extinct. This is something which we, as a fraternity, wish to avoid, but there is no chapter so strong as to be able to live if its members are ignorant in regard to the constitution, by-laws and local regulations by which their chapter is governed.

In nearly every chapter there are some who fail to live up to the obligations which they took when going through the initiatory ceremony. This should not be the case. Every Pi should study our constitution and secret ritual as earnestly and as conscientiously as he studies his lessons for class-room recitation. No man can be influential in a chapter unless he is thoroughly conversant on every question liable to come up in a discussion of the fraternity. We have men in our fraternity who know how much the dues are and at what time their chapter meets, but who are absolutely ignorant of everything There are men who don't know the names of more than one member of our supreme council, and know nothing at all about the duties or requirements of the The result of such ignorance as this is obvious. No man can feel interested in securing good men for his chapter unless he is in close touch with every movement of the chapter so as to feel a personal interest Neither can a man feel under any obligation to meet the financial requirements of his chapter unless he understands just what the expenses of the chapter are and that they are necessary. If we allow our members, or if we allow one of our members, to become indifferent and uninterested in the fraternity he will unconsciously do more to prevent us from securing new members than will the combined efforts of a dozen members of another fraternity, no matter how hard they may work. Any sensible man who is being rushed by rival chapters is going to learn just as much as possible about the individual members of these chapters and naturally he will not be favorably inclined toward the chapter in which he sees men who seem to take no interest in their fraternity save to wear the badge and attempt to pose in society as fraternity men. These men are a great injury to us even after they leave college for sometimes they may undertake to tell a prospective student something about his fraternity, and will nine times out of ten leave the impression that his fraternity is little more than a local club organized solely for social purposes.

Not all of these inactive active members are the society lads, however. We often find in this class of indifferents the fellow who attends the meetings as a matter of habit without caring anything at all about what is done and then returns to his room thinking no more about his fraternity until time for the next meeting. A man of this kind rarely does stunts in society, is never seen with a badge, and is of no service at all in rushing new men. It may be that he will win some college honor, which is effective in the eyes of the outside world, but the benefit derived from this is more than offset by the amount of hindrance which he unconsciously exerts against the efforts of those who desire to see their chapter placed on the highest plane of fraternity life.

If we wish to see our fraternity classed among the best college fraternities we must put every shoulder to the wheel and push together. We must make our meetings so important and so interesting that no member can afford to miss them, and we must so arrange our fraternity work that every member will be eager to take an active part in it.

There should be in our constitution an article which would compel every initiate to become thoroughly familiar with every clause and sentence in the constitution. When these indifferents in our fraternity can be induced to study our constitution and ritual they will become so enthused with the true fraternity spirit that they will be

of more value to us in one year than they have been during their entire college course. We must, by some means. instill into these figure-heads the musterious breath of life which will convert them into live fraternity men. can best be done by placing responsibilities on others save the ones who are elected as officers. In arranging committees our ruling officers should place those who are inclined to shirk where they will be forced to do the business which has been assigned to them. They must be made to feel that unless they perform their duty well their fraternity will suffer direct injury, and then perhaps they can be induced to work as they should. Our new men should be used as much as possible where special work is to be done so as to get them in close touch with the fraternity. If a man goes through Freshman and Sophomore years before he is called upon to take any active part in the guidance and management of his chapter he will get so in the habit of letting others have control of affairs that in his Junior and Senior years he will be of no more real benefit to his fraternity than a wax figure.

The process of elimination in fraternity circles is similar to that in business life. The business venture which falls into the hands of indifferent, unenthusiastic men is soon forced to take advantage of our bankrupt laws and the chapter of any fraternity, which is composed of men who are ignorant and uninterested in regard to the real and true meaning of their fraternity, will soon be forced to return its charter and call itself a chapter no longer.

Tom A. Stennis, Alpha Iota.



Co-Operation

ONE of the greatest things to encourage the active members of a fraternity is the hearty co-operation of the alumni. The fraternity's work must be carried on by the active members, but the alumni must help by ad-

vice and interest. The active members could, by hard work, accomplish much, but how much more could they accomplish with the co-operation and supervision of the alumni?

Many alumni lose interest in their fraternity as soon as they leave college. They think that they are no longer members of the fraternity. But they are very much mistaken. The fraternity should feel able to call upon them at any time for their advice and should expect to find them ready and willing to render it, and, if necessary, to do some active work also.

Above all things an alumnus, as well as an active member, should wear some emblem of his fraternity, and should recognize the emblem when he sees it worn by another. By no means is it meant by this that the frat man should wear the emblem of his fraternity in a conspicuous place, as if he were advertising something.

One of the main opportunities of the alumnus for helping his fraternity is to look out for men who intend going to college, and to report on the advisability of initiating these men into his fraternity. He should, if he does not know the men well enough, find out about them and report to the chapters of his fraternity at these men's prospective colleges, either favorably or unfavorably, according to his judgment.

If a man recommend another to a chapter and he is not taken, the man should not be discouraged, but if he have the opportunity he should recommend another. This man might be biased in his opinion of a friend, and the chapter to whom he recommends this friend might form an entirely different opinion of him.

If anything is to be accomplished by a fraternity, the active members must take the initiative and as soon as the alumni see what is being done, they will willingly and cheerfully fall into line and give all of the assistance pos-

sible. May the active members and alumni, ever, as heretofore, unite in their efforts for the forward movement of Pi Kappa Alpha!

HENRY J. WHITFIELD, Chi.

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The Convention and the Fraternity

THE second bi-ennial convention of the fraternity will be held in New Orleans some time during the coming spring. It should be expected that as long as the fraternity continues to grow and prosper each succeeding convention will be of increasing importance in numbers attending and in work accomplished. But some conventions will take greater prominence than others before or after them by reason of the problems they solve and the policies they adopt or reject. Whenever the fraternity passes from one stage to another in its development, the convention which accomplishes this passage will not soon be forgotten; whenever a convention modifies an old policy, or lays it aside to accept a new one, history is being made for us, and the future prepared for ruin or glory according to the wisdom or folly of the plans adopted or rejected.

Most of us feel that our fraternity is on the eve of great and important changes. The experiences of the past few years have shown the inability of the fraternity to grapple with some of the problems which growing colleges and universities have presented. And the increasing interest of the general public in fraternities, with the universal belief that they can and will be made to serve some really useful purpose in college life, and afterwards, have set all loyal fraternity men to thinking over ways and means of permanent advancement. So we may expect the delegates at the next convention to thrash out many new ideas, and to fight over some of the old questions which have been with the fraternity longer than many of its members.

In the first place, New Orleans is the most western point at which the fraternity ever assembled in convention. It is in one extreme corner of the fraternity's territory, and about as far from Virginia as we could get. As a result of this location, the next convention will be composed largely of Western members and alumni. There will be less representation of the old Virginia and Carolina membership, so long and so justly dominant in the affairs of the fraternity, and more of the newer element, men from the comparatively new chapters in Arkansas, Missouri. Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama. The attendance of Western men will also be augmented by the knowledge of the fact that the convention is held in New Orleans largely out of compliment to them, and in pursuance of the fraternity's policy of entering all States west of the Mississippi River. And, also because this is the first real opportunity many of the new chapters have had to attend a convention in a body.

From the foregoing it readily appears that the coming convention will be one of the greatest importance, and that the mere location of the place in which it is held, may have great weight in determining the future action of the fraternity. Policies may, like morality and religion, be merely relative, and matters of place after all.

At any rate, every chapter should do its best to have a large delegation in New Orleans. The Eastern chapters will have here the best opportunity of meeting the Western men. They can ascertain how the fraternity stands in this part of the territory, and they can study at first hand, the opportunities for further advancement westward. No one doubts but that we will have a large membership west of the Mississippi within a few years, and it behooves the Eastern membership to accept this opportunity to familiarize themselves with the situation there, so that they may intelligently meet its problems in the future.

And after all, the one great opportunity of the fra-

ternity convention is that of getting acquainted with each other. No man is really a capable fraternity worker until he has attended at least one convention. It is beyond me to set forth fully the pleasure of a convention as a social event, but to attend is to find out, you come away with a fuller appreciation of the fraternity, you know more of it, your respect for it is increased, and your doubts as to its future are cleared away. Any ordinary sacrifice that you make to be present will be more than justified. And we must remember that this convention is to be at New Orleans, a city among cities, and that very able alumni there are planning the best entertainment that any convention ever received.

W. G. Riddick.



Echoes from the Loving Cup

Letters of Presentation and Acknowledgment

ATLANTA, GA., November 28, 1908.

Mr. Graham Sale,

WELCH, W. VA.

My Dear Sale: One of the most agreeable offices that it has ever been my good fortune to fill and one which has given me much sincere pleasure, has been that of the last few days, acting in behalf of your fellow members of the Supreme Council, the Chapters and many of the Alumni of II K A in the purchasing of a gift to present you at your approaching wedding, as a token of the high esteem and love in which you are held by II K A, as well as a testimonial of the good work that you have done for her.

In making the selection of the article, I have chosen the Loving Cup not only because of its own beauty, but as symbolic of the spirit in which the gift was made. I trust that whenever you gaze upon it, it will remind you of the high regard, personally and as an officer, in which every

member of the fraternity holds you, as well as bring to you a sense of the gratitude which they feel towards you for all that you have done in her behalf.

I know that this symbol of love from your brotherhood will also be in keeping with that which will prevail in the happy home which I know will be yours.

You have, my dear Sale, my most sincere congratulations and my heart-felt good wishes.

Most cordially yours in II K A,

ROBERT A. SMYTHE,

Grand Tressurer

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LYNCHBURG, VA., December 21, 1908.

Mr. Robert A. Smythe,

ATLANTA, GA.

My Dear Smythe: Would that I had the ability and the vocabulary to even inadequately express to you, and through you to the other officers and members of our fraternity, the deep appreciation which Mrs. Sale and myself have as the recipients of the most beautiful Loving Cup presented to us at the time of our wedding. I can not do so. It is no use to try and I can only say, we thank you all from the bottom of our hearts and shall always feel grateful to the fraternity for it.

The wonderful beauty of the cup, the great intrinsic value and the rare taste with which such a thing was selected, for which I know we are also indebted to Mrs. Smythe, would of themselves make it among our most valuable and appreciated possessions, but when I think for what it stands and of the spirit with which it was given, as was so beautifully expressed in your letter to me, I am powerless to even partially tell you of my emotions and of our deep appreciation.

We shall always value it as one of our very dearest possessions and to me it will ever be a beautiful token of that regard and great fraternal affection which each member of our dear old fraternity holds for every other, which affection is always so evident in Pi Kappa Alpha and which makes it the best society in the world.

It shall also serve to strengthen those strong ties of love which I have for the fraternity and for the members of it.

Again thanking you and the other members not only on my behalf but also for Mrs. Sale, whose appreciation, if possible, is as great as mine and with my kindest regards and best wishes, I am,

Always fraternally yours,
Graham Sale.

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College Spirit

IT is often asked, not only by new college students, but by outsiders, what is college spirit? It is the union of the majority of the students to stand up for their college, and let unity be their chief aim.

A college without spirit to back it is no college. College spirit is the means through which a college is enlarged. It is the means of cheering the troubled, casting aside the blues, and many other such perplexing troubles a college man encounters.

Daily on the campus the college student comes in contact with his fellow students, and through their fraternity, classmates and other fraternities, select their favorite companions, advisors, and also sometimes enemies—still this is a rare occasion. These conditions exist in every college, male or female. But college spirit, when existing as it should, makes all the above conditions contain more life. Therefore it is our duty to develop this feeling.

The question that requires hard and much thinking is, how are we to develop this feeling among the student body, and how are we to plant it for it to remain?

To develop college spirit the first thing essential is unity.

To have unity we all have to be congenial. With this as our constant aim gradually the atmosphere required will succeed in reaching the bottom of each and every man's heart. College spirit is also developed by the victories on the gridiron, on the baseball diamond, on the track, and through all athletics. With college spirit back of these it will encourage our athletes on to victory, resulting in playing much harder in the future for their dear old school.

To plant this feeling of college spirit that it will remain, is to have plenty of it, and keep it a constant duty. each year rolls around, and the graduating class goes out to fight its hard battle in the world, all alone, the members will look back to their dear old Alma Mater and dream of the good old times—the various championship games. How we used to vell the good old vells, and sing our songs. Yes, these feelings ought to remain in every one of our hearts until our very last day on earth, and with this feeling the college is helped wonderfully. What is better than when a game is played in some town where a graduate from the visiting team is located in some profession or occupation, whether he is young or gray, to see him rooting for his dear old Alma Mater? College men! that is the case where college spirit was planted with good seed and the benefits reaped.

Each and every college man should think of college spirit as a duty, not a present pleasure, and after he is out in the wide, wide world for himself, let it drop—no, fellows, let's all bear it with us to our graves.

LEWIS K. RILEY, JR., Alpha-Eta.

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Are You Going?

BROTHERS, have you made your plans to attend the New Orleans Convention? It is going to be a great time and a great convention and you will be needed. Pi Kappa Alpha has become a power in the Greek world, and

it is our work to fortify our position and take another step forward. There are yet great duties to be performed, new plans to be discussed, new ideas to be worked out, and perhaps a few old ones to be laid aside. No one is going to do this work except members of the fraternity. None can do it but ourselves and every one should be there to do his part.

It has been but a short time since some of us became members of the brotherhood. Others came within the circle years ago. But we are all members of one family, scattered near and far and with few opportunities of meeting to revive the memories of the good old days. At New Orleans, we are going to tell those old jokes, sing the old songs and repeat the stories that never grow old. Let us gather, as many as can, around our own fireside, to talk of the past and plan for the future, and to further cement over a pipe or by a hand clasp the bond that has made true friends of true men.

Because of many obstacles of the past overcome, we have everything to be proud of. But the days that are coming are to be the best and it is our work to warn, to advise and to help. Many of our alumni are working now, shoulder to wheel, and using every opportunity to further strengthen our position. But more active enthusiastic men are needed, and a visit to this convention will bring to you a feeling of pleasure and pride that will linger long.

Alumni, let's all be there for the sake of the vows we have taken, for the sake of the friends that were but are gone, for the sake of the true ones we have yet, let us every one, professional or business man, lay aside for a little while the petty, every-day cares and each with a free heart and spirit, go to New Orleans prepared to give the best that is in him to Pi Kappa Alpha.

ROBERT R. TAYLOR, Alumus of Alpha-Alpha.

A Few Suggestions

WHEN you were initiated into Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity did you ever stop to think just what it meant to you or what it would mean? So many fellows do not know what their fraternity stands for and seem not to care. If the strictest attention is given to the reading of the ritual I think you will find there something pretty near what a II K A ought to be, and every one should sufficiently familiarize himself with this ritual in order to get these lasting impressions.

We need more men in II K A, and when I say men it is something that means so much. Let the initiates be careful that they shape their characters in the right direction, have a mind of your own and do not be afraid to say that something is right or wrong. While in college you will be pointed out by some or possibly many as an example. Be sure that you do not bring disgrace upon yourself in any way, and when you lower yourself you bring disgrace and shame upon every member of your fraternity. Pi Kappa Alpha upholds nothing of the kind, but nevertheless a fraternity to a large extent is blamed by outsiders, especially by non-fraternity men. This is where anti-frat feeling commences and of course everything is overdrawn, and so fraternities get to be to many the worst things imaginable.

As a matter of fact none of us are perfect. We all have our ideals, and all we can do is to live as near those ideals as possible. Every one has a conscience and that must dictate to him what he must or must not do. So, very often if we will stop to think for a moment our actions would be far different.

I do not mean to say what any one should or should not do, but I think a few suggestions along this line is not amiss. So let us all remember for what noble principles Pi Kappa Alpha stands and the kind of a man it takes to make a true II. See if you can not work to put your fraternity on a higher plane and to do nothing that will lower the standard.

JOHN WILHOIT,

Omega.

A Convention Suggestion

I T is only about two months now until our convention meets and it seems that this is the proper time to suggest legislation which might be considered by the fraternity when it meets in New Orleans. For this reason and the fact that my suggestion would, I believe, if acted upon, be of inestimable benefit, not to our fraternity alone, but to the fraternity world at large, that I bring up this question, which to our regret, has been called to our attention before.

It is a deplorable fact, but none the less true, that in many, if not all the pawn shops in the larger cities there may be found fraternity badges, sometimes a large number of them, ranging in value from a plain pin worth only a few dollars to a large and sometimes costly jeweled badge. It is not necessary to attempt to learn how they got there, but it is decidedly to our interest, and I mean every fraternity man in the country, to see that they are removed from the supply of unredeemed pledges. When a non-frat man sees a fraternity badge in a pawn shop, he does not take the time to learn, if he doesn't know, what fraternity it is an emblem of, for he would not remember if he did learn, but he immediately forms opinions in regard to fraternities and fraternity men which would not be to our advantage.

Many plans have been suggested, if I am not mistaken, to remedy this condition, but is it not time for our fraternity to take some action along this line?

The best plan, it seems, is the one already in vogue among several fraternities, whereby every member of the

fraternity, when he sees one of his badges in a pawn shop, is expected to purchase it, and if he can not use it himself, has only to forward it to the fraternity offices and the purchase-price is returned to him immediately. I don't know what the result of this plan has been with those fraternities who have tried it, but is it not reasonable to believe that if every fraternity should adopt some such plan, the number of badges on display in these undesirable places would be reduced to a minimum and kept there?

The only way this unfortunate condition may be altered is for every man to do what is expected of him, and to do it promptly, whenever he finds a Shield and Diamond in such a place. There will, no doubt, be those who will object to any such plan or movement on our part, and say that it is impossible to achieve the end. Of course if all the frat men were of that opinion it could not be done, for those knockers are the ones who would not redeem the badge if they saw it, alleging either that it took too much time or for fear the fraternity would not reimburse them. But the knockers are always with us and we must do our work in spite of them.

P. T. ATKINS, Omicron.

The New Orleans Convention

WHY should I go to the convention? is, perhaps, the question a great many of us are asking ourselves at this time. The alumnus member will probably say, "I am a busy man; I can not afford to take the time from my business. Will I gain anything? Will I derive any pleasure or benefit by going? Can I do anything to help my brothers in their work for the fraternity?" And the active member may think, "Can I afford to lose the time from my studies? There will be others there to take my place." All will probably ask the question, "Is it worth the expense?"

In this article I shall endeavor to answer some of the above questions, and shall strive to show why we should attend the convention.

Little need be said as to each chapter being represented. The convention is the legislative body of the fraternity as a whole, and is the supreme tribunal in the fraternity, to which all matters affecting the chapters and members may be finally referred. Each chapter, both active and alumnus, is entitled to a seat and a vote in the convention; and all members of the fraternity, not delegates, have an equal right in proposing and discussing measures brought before the convention. No one, therefore, who is a member of our organization, is excluded from active participation in the legislation of the fraternity.

Without laws, man could not live in a civilized and cultivated state of society; nor could a fraternity exist without laws for its government. These laws are made in a convention, and each member of our fraternity has a right to express his views as to what the regulations should be with reference to the government of our order. A convention is, therefore, no small matter, but a great organization and a mighty one, for by it our laws are framed and our policy determined. Whether we shall go backward or forward is largely determined at a convention.

It is provided by law that each active chapter must have at least one representative; but it is far better that as many members of each chapter as possible attend. One man can not represent his chapter always, and it is well for more than one man to have the experience of a convention, so that he may, another year, better understand the workings of the convention, and be able to work more satisfactorily.

It is the active members who are most vitally affected by legislation, and they should undertake to be represented as largely as possible in order that their needs and desires might the more fully be set forth.

Our laws provide that each alumnus chapter shall have

a vote in the convention. The power the alumnus can wield is tremendous, if they care to take advantage of their opportunity. Naturally the alumni are older and more experienced than the active members. Of much benefit is their wise and sagacious counsel. They can look from a high elevation as it were upon the struggles and needs of the active men; and can suggest what changes in existing laws, or what new legislation is necessary for the betterment of general conditions. The fraternity needs the advice of these sons who have traveled the road before; and the fraternity looks to them for assistance in the settlement of the problems that confront it.

To the young man, ambitious for a place in the halls of legislation of the State and the nation, the convention offers unsurpassed opportunity for a practice ground. Here he may debate to his heart's content, without fear of wasting his eloquence on the desert air.

The social side of the convention is, of course, not the most important, but to some it is perhaps the most interesting. Here we renew old friendships begun in the far off college days; here we meet again those brothers whose hands we clasped in the halcyon days of yore; old memories are revived, old scenes recalled to mind, and we live again those happy days when we were care-free college boys.

Is it not worth it, you alumni, who have long since left the college walls? Come, and bring your wives and daughters, to enhance our happiness by their kindly presence! Come, and lend us your aid in the discussions of the problems that confront us, and be assured that your advice will be given careful and thankful consideration, and your interest will be more than appreciated.

> CHARLES W. UNDERWOOD, Grand Secretary.

Chapter Letters

Alpha

University of Virginia

Since our last letter not a great deal of interest has happened in the life of Alpha Chapter, and as we believe that the floor of the convention is the most proper forum for the discussion of matters of moment to the fraternity as a whole, this letter must of necessity be brief.

Our football season closed with the great game in Richmond on Thanksgiving Day, when we defeated our old rivals from Chapel Hill by the decisive score of 31 to 0. The season was in many ways the greatest that Virginia has known in her whole football history. Through it all we sustained not a single defeat and rolled up a total of 106 points to our opponents' 9. Alpha was ably represented on the team by Brother John Neff, at half-back, who playd in every game, save the one against the North Carolina A. & M., out of which he was kept by injuries that confined him to the hospital.

Practically all of us went home for the Christmas holidays and all, save one, have returned, each reporting a happy time spent with the "home folks" and all bringing back pleasant memories of good times. One of our number, Brother C. G. Barr, did not return because of ill health. Brother Barr was one of the most promising of the new men we initiated last fall and we all deeply regret his absence. We hope to have him with us again next year.

Our university has just finished the celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Edgar Allen Poe, who was a student here during the session of 1826.

The celebration was a most elaborate one, continuing through three days, and the various exercises were participated in by some of the most eminent scholars of Europe and America.

During the past few weeks we have had the pleasure of being visited at different times by several of the alumni members of the fraternity. Among these were Brother W. B. Newcomb, Gamma '06, who is now studying medicine at Hopkins; Brother J. Flint Waller, Alpha, now doing departmental work in the Louisa High School: Brother Garth, who came up as a member of the William and Mary basket-ball team, and Brother Robert A. Stewart, now professor of modern languages in Richmond Col-Brother Stewart came to attend the Poe Centenary Celebration and was among the number of those who were awarded memorial medals for having, in their literary work, materially aided in furthering Poe's reputation as a man of letters. Dr. Stewart is a Ph.D. of Virginia, and while here rendered valuable assistance to Dr. Harrison while the latter was editing the famous Harrison edition of Poe's works.

With best wishes to all II's.

OSCAR L. SHEWMAKE.



Beta

Davidson College

The rushing season at Beta is over, the exciting day has come, and as a result of our labors, we take great pleasure in making open announcement of the addition of two more men to the ranks of our grand and noble order. We introduce to the brotherhood of II K A Messrs. John Andrew Scott, of Statesville, N. C., and William Lawrence Bentz, of Greenville, S. C. These men bid fair to take a prom-

inent place in the student body of Davidson, and are in truth worthy additions to our chapter.

We have the half-year rule here which forbids one approaching a new man until after Christmas, with respect to joining a fraternity. There was consequently a merry scramble, and much rushing around on Monday morning early, January 11th. Out of a Freshman class of one hundred and thirty, only twenty-two men were taken in by the five frats there. This shows clearly the kind of material that the fraternities here take in, and so the high standard upheld. Some interesting fights were made for the men on account of the lack of first-rate frat material.

Beta now numbers twelve. With the crowd which she has, her social interests will be well taken care of this spring. Junior speaking, one of the greatest social functions of the year is just one month off. Beta will be in the forefront with the ladies during the time that this lasts. The II K A's have won a reputation here for the manner in which they take care of the ladies. It is safe to say that she will maintain it during the coming social season which is so near.

The baseball season opens in one month, and Beta has a good chance of being represented on the 'Varsity team. Five or six of our men will try for positions, with good prospects for, at least, one making good.

Class football games are now being played, and six of our men have made positions on their respective class teams. These games develop material for the 'Varsity team of the next fall. It is safe to say that we will have one or more representatives on this next fall.

We were glad to have with us on the night when Billy bucked around, Brothers Preston Buford, of Salisbury, and Jack Beall, of Charlotte. Brother Dr. Robert Lafferty, of Charlotte, was also up one day this week.

We read eagerly the last issue of The Shield and Diamond, and will always welcome such an interesting issue.

We send our best wishes to all the brothers.

D. M. Dodge.

Gamma

William and Mary College

Gamma wishes to introduce to the fraternity E. C. Jones, of Urbanna, Va., and W. E. Miller, of Norfolk, Va. Gamma has only nine active members thus far, but they are nine good substantial men, and I think, are fully capable of upholding at William and Mary College, that banner which is so dear to us all.

When the roll was called at the frat meeting, just after the Christmas holidays, Brother McCandlish was found to be absent. He has accepted a position in Washington, D. C. All of us hated to see him leave as he was one of our most substantial men. May his career be filled with the sweets of life, is the hope of all of his friends.

We were made glad a few days ago by a short visit from Brothers E. F. Shewmake, of Newport News, Va., and G. G. Hankins, of Richmond, Va. We are always glad to see our brother II's, and I take pleasure in extending them an invitation to stop in whenever traveling this way.

It is with a feeling of pleasure that we note the many and marked improvements which are taking place at this old college. The new library is completed, and it is the pride of both the student body and the faculty. It is indeed a building of which any college might be justly proud. The athletic field is nearing completion, the high board fence has already been put up, and carpenters are working rapidly on the grandstand. Both of these are great improvements for heretofore the field has not been inclosed, nor has there been a grandstand to accommodate the crowds.

This is the time of year at old William and Mary that the students begin to look grim and determined. Midnight oil begins to burn freely; no joking and very little laughter. The casual observer might ask why do all the students look so pale? The answer would be, examinations, the bugbear of our college life, are upon us. We are being

weighed in the balance, and I feel some of us will be found wanting, yet I hope that such will not be the case. Gamma extends best wishes to all II's and hopes that they will pass successfully their examinations.

B. T. Newton.



Delta

Southern University

The dark clouds of examinations have been hovering over us for several days, and the storm of doubts and fears is still raging. These feelings are soon mastered, however, when we think of the festal days that are to follow, for behind each cloud there is a silver lining.

Delta has good reason to be proud of the results of last term's work, and the bright prospects of 1909.

The enthusiasm she is displaying and the spirit and cooperation with which we are beginning things this year can not help but bring good results.

The outlook of Delta is very encouraging; we have a ropresentative bunch, our men figure prominently in every department of college life.

C. A. DeBardeleben will represent his literary society as Junior speaker and anniversary debater; J. A. Deaner, Sophomore speaker and anniversary debater; J. W. Webster, Sophomore speaker; B. C. Preer, ladies' debate orator, joint debater and Sophomore speaker.

There will be other elections held in the near future for more important occasions. We will have brothers to try for these.

C. A. Grote, a brother of Delta, has had a serious illness, but we are glad to say that he will be able to resume his work in a few days.

Nothing exciting outside of examinations seems to be happening, and preparations are being made for a second plunge into the great sea of knowledge. We are sure that Eta Chapter will entertain the conventino royally, and that the brothers who attend will have a great time. We wish a successful year to all.

CARLTON PREER.



Zeta

University of Tennessee

School opened on the Hill January 6th and found all our men back, our chapter roll swelled to twelve—two by initiation and one by the return of an old member, Brother Gene Wade, of Kenton, Tenn. It is with pleasure we welcome him in our midst, and introduce to the fraternity, H. C. Kirk, Attalla, Ala., and J. C. Witherington, Munford, Tenn., these being our last two goats, good men of whom Zeta is justly proud.

There is little of interest to write about on the Hill. Everything is quiet and every one settled down to work again after a most pleasant vacation.

In the "exams." Zeta held her own, her men all passing in their studies with good grades, several making the honor roll, and of these men we are very proud, for they rank among the best students in school.

Basket-ball is well under way here and bids fair to be a success this year. Brothers Johnson, Phipps and Morgan are out and will very likely play on their class team, while Brother Johnson will undoubtedly make the 'Varsity.

Track work will also be taken up soon. Brothers Phipps, Vogt, Porter and Morgan will be on the squad.

Branch will win a place on the baseball team this spring, so II K A will be well represented in athletics.

Brother Morgan was elected vice-president of the University Guitar and Mandolin Club at its first regular meeting this year.

Already Zeta has thoughts of the coming convention—

an event to which we look forward with great anticipation and interest. We will elect our delegates soon, at our next meeting, no doubt. Great things will be done, we hope, and steps taken which will do much to expand and further the best interests of II K A.

The University Glee Club, on which we have five II's, is preparing for their annual entertainment in the form of a concert to be followed later with several trips and end the season here at home with an opera, the Mandolin Club will assist. The girls of Pi Chapter, Chi Omega, gave a very nice affair in the early part of the term at the Blount, consisting of a dinner, followed by dancing. Zeta was represented by no less than four men, a fact which speaks well of our "society butterflies"—who all reported a most enjoyable time. The writer spent the holidays in Mississippi, where he encountered many II's who did much to add to his good time. All the men in fact seem to have met II's during the holidays, and bring in such good reports it makes one glad to know our brothers are really the kind of fellows we think them. KARL R. MORGAN.



Eta

Tulane University

After looking over the non-fraternity men around college, we found a good man that had been overlooked. This man is, at present, our brother, Sam Storm, whom I take great pleasure in introducing to chapters of Pi Kappa Alpha. He has already shown great interest in all matters concerning our fraternity, and promises to become one of its most zealous workers.

We are looking forward with regret to the losing of several of Eta's best men. We have three men in the Senior class. These men have spent their college years in upholding the good name of our fraternity. They were successful, for at present our fraternity is one of the best

up here. This will be a case where "What's Eta's loss is Alumnus Eta's gain." The only hope we have is that the work of the new men taken in this year will be equal to that work done by the men that Alumnus Eta will take from us this coming May.

The chief topics of conversation around college are exams., gymnasium and the future rowing club. Tulane is going to have a gym. and a crew and EXAMS. Didn't you hear about it? Yes, contracts have already been given out for our gym., and we will have it next fall. Our rowing club is under way and will soon be organized on a solid basis. Training will begin in a short time.

Hope all II's are thinking about coming to the convention that is to be held in New Orleans this coming spring. Brothers let me give you a tip—if you want a good time, come down to the convention. Meet some of our frat sisters—they are dreams. Ask any brother who has been down here and met them, and see if he won't second what I have just said. We are getting ready so that when the time comes every thing will go off all right. This will be our last chance to invite you to come, so be sure and come to the convention.

PIERRE JOHN DELBERT.



Iota

Hampdon-Sidney College

With the last faint glimmers of our holiday existing only in pleasant memories, the old chapter once more gathers up her tangled skein. Since the return of her men few things worthy of note have occurred, and with minds for nothing except thoughts of loved ones left behind they have accomplished little deserving of mention.

On "the hill" basket-ball now holds sway, and for the first time in her long history it seems as if the college will be represented in this phase of athletics during the coming

season. Coach Reiss, to whom is largely due Hampden-Sidney's success in football, is fast working into shape the material at his disposal. The student body expects great things from his team and experience has taught them that if success depends mainly upon proper training, their highest anticipations will be realized. Icta has several aspirants for basket-ball honors, and at the recent award of football monograms, she came in for her share—Brothers Buchanan and H. W. Blanton both winning the coveted letters.

The college Dramatic Club is hard at work in preparation for their initial appearance here during the intermediate celebrations. This presentation is always looked forward to as the feature of that gala occasion. Brothers Blanton, Walker, Brown, and Atkinson, T. T., are the quota furnished by the chapter to this cause. Brothers Mann and Brown also represent us as Senior orators for each of the literary societies, with Brother Walker as Junior orator for the Philanthropic society in their joint celebration of the societies on February 19.

The suggestion recently offered in The Shield and Diamond concerning visiting brothers on athletic teams, meets with our hearty approval, and Iota wishes here to ask that those chapters having representations on the various ball teams scheduled to play at Hampden-Sidney during this spring will please notify us beforehand. This done we will do all in our power to render your stay among us a pleasant one. Hoping that we may have many opportunities to corroborate these statements in the next few months, we close, wishing each and every Pi merited success.

P. Tulane Atkinson.



Kappa

Transylvania University

Kappa has been at work and so has "billy," for two more fine fellows have trod the mystic ways into Pi Kappa Alpha. We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternities at large our two new men: Robert I. Cord, of Mt. Sterling, Ky., and Harry V. Wilson, of Tennessee. Brother Cord is a member of the Senior class, and is also business manager of *The Transylvanian*, the university monthly publication. Brother Wilson entered the Freshman class at the beginning of the new year—and he, too, hopes to be a Senior some day.

Our fall term examinations are now going on, and on completion of them we begin the spring term.

All of Kappa's men are laboring faithfully to overcome the lost opportunities, and the roll inquiry is "Will you pass?" Each member of the chapter is doing active and ardent work.

The fine spring weather that the students are now enjoying brings all aspirants for baseball honors on the field. Kappa has excellent prospects for having several men to represent her on the 'Varsity team. Brother Cord was a member of last year's team, and expects to be a "star" this year. We will have other fellows who will try for the team.

Kappa and Omega will give their annual dance January, the twenty-ninth, and we expect to make it one of the grandest occasions that the Pi's have ever had in Lexington. Our dances in the past have given us a great reputation, and we propose to make this one surpass any we have ever given.

Everything is moving quietly, with very little happening in college life to vary the humdrum of incessant study.

Our chapter is very much interested in the coming convention, and we would like to have every one bear this in mind—that this is to be our greatest convention.

With best wishes,

D. J. HOWARD.

Mn

Presbyterian College of South Carolina

For the past few months nothing of especial interest has happened on the college campus. Everything has been moving along smoothly with the exception of a few very bold attacks by the non-frat fellows. They have made a fierce fight, and while they have not been able to prove that the frat boys, individually or collectively, have been guilty of any misdemeanor that should be dealt with either by the faculty or student body, there seems to be a growing sentiment that the frats should be put out. Those students who do not unite with the non-frats say they think it might be better for the institution if there were no fraternities here. All the frat boys have acted as they thought best, keeping their mouths shut as much as possible. but if any one can suggest a good plan to pursue they will be doing the chapter a favor if they send these thoughts to one of our men. However, nothing can be done until the board of trustees meets in June.

Two public inter-society contests will be held during the month of February. One, the oratorical contest to choose the representative for the State inter-collegiate contest which will be held in Greenwood the last of April. The other contest will be a debate on the query: "Resolved, that the tariff of the United States should be only for revenue."

Mu Chapter is represented in both of these contests. Both of these members have represented their society before, and we are sure they will do well on these occasions.

Brother Smith was detained at home a few weeks after the Christmas holidays on account of the sickness of his father. He has returned to college, and we are glad to say that his father is improving very rapidly.

With best wishes,

D. W. A. NEVILLE.

Omicron

Richmond College

The campaign to raise \$350,000 for the endowment fund for Richmond College and The Woman's College of this city, was brought to a successful end on December 31. and not only the friends of the two colleges but the citizens of Richmond are rejoicing in the fact that in the near future there will be in Richmond a college which will not be surpassed in point of standard, faculty, or equipment by any college in the South. The General Educational Board of New York promised \$150,000 if the Baptists of the State of Virginia would raise the remaining \$350. 000. The entire sum will be used to increase the endowment funds of the two institutions, which, when the new location is chosen and things made ready, will be run jointly. It is the intention to secure about 100 acres of ground in the vicinity of Richmond for the site of the new schools. All of the buildings will be erected in the most approved style, and when the day of dedication arrives it is the hope and intention of those who are in charge of the movement that the whole will be the most complete and perfectly arranged educational institution in the South. It certainly marks a new era in the history of Richmond College.

Things are unusually quiet around the campus at present. Everybody seemed to come back after the holidays for good hard work. Coach Dunlap, however, has about fifteen candidates out every afternoon working for the track team. Manager Byrd has arranged the heaviest schedule the team has ever attempted, being entered in meets almost every week during February and March, besides making arrangements to hold a big indoor track meet here in Richmond. All the men are working hard and the prospects are that Richmond College will have the fastest relay team in the history of the college with good chances of winning a large majority of its races and the

championship of the State. There is much material in college for the sprints and field events, and every one has hopes of giving U. of V. a hard fight for points at the Richmond, Va., meet.

Captain Lodge has issued his first call for candidates for the baseball team, about thirty responded. There are seven of last year's men back to form the nucleus of this year's team. Many of the new men have had valuable experience on high school and prep. school teams, and are expected to give some of the older men a hard fight for their places. A good schedule has been arranged and every one is waiting for the warm days of April to come so that the umpire's "play ball" may be heard again.

Denny Wright, who has been in college for the past three years did not come back to school after the holidays and will be sorely missed by the fraternity. He, however, is at work in Richmond, and expects to be about the campus and help us in any way possible. George Wright left this month for his home in Louisiana and will not return to college to get his degree in the law department. Both of these men were members of the baseball team, and their presence will be missed as much on the diamond as on the campus and in the frat hall. George was also captain of the football team during the past season, but owing to injuries received early in the season was not able to play but two games with his team.

It is certainly the hope of Omicron Chapter that the approaching convention will be the best in the history of the fraternity. It is highly important that every chapter have a large delegation there, and that every delegate present get as much benefit as possible in order that they may go back to their chapters with a spirit that is bound to promote the interests of Pi Kappa Alpha. Omicron Chapter, through her representatives and yours, hopes to meet and exchange greeting with every II in the Southland at New Orleans this spring.

P. T. ATKINS.

Pi

Washington and Loe University

All the members of Pi Chapter but two have returned to college after spending a pleasant Christmas vacation in their respective homes.

The men who did not return are W. R. McMurran, who is now at his home in Norfolk, Va., and J. M. Arnold, who is practicing law at the same place. We feel the loss of these two men severely, but we are assured that in them Pi Chapter, as well as II K A at large, has two good representatives. Although Brothers Arnold and McMurran have left college, we are sure that they will still keep alive their interest in II K A.

We take great pleasure in introducing John David Ankrom, of New Martinsville, W. Va., who was initiated into the mystic bonds just before the holidays. He makes nineteen on our roll.

The prospects for a good baseball team are bright. Several of last year's team are back again and the new material is promising. Pi hopes to be represented at first base by Stras, who has played great ball on the Roanoke College team for the past two seasons.

On January 22nd, our basket-ball team defeated the University of Virginia five by a large score, and from the present outlook W. & L. will have a team that will be second to none on her schedule.

We enjoyed very much the visit of J. C. Dillon, who was one of the charter members of Pi. Brother Dillon gave us a short but very interesting talk on the chapter as it was when he was in college. We are always glad to have our alumni visit us and we take this opportunity of extending to them all a cordial invitation.

D. W. EARWOOD.

Tan

University of North Carolina

The new year has opened very quietly at the university. Very few, indeed, have dropped out and only twenty new men have come in. The weather since the opening has very well typified the spirit of the university in receiving these new men—a little cold at first, but after a while as warm as a day in June.

The present warm weather has caused the appearance of the candidates for the baseball team. Carolina's prospects in this line are very bright for the coming season. Several of last year's team are out for another season and some excellent new material has come in.

The next event in college social life is Junior week, which is to have as its climax, the Junior promenade, to take place on February nineteenth. During this week the Junior class will be the guests of the Seniors at a reception. The fraternities will also entertain at an afternoon hop.

The usual ceremonies of Washington's Birthday will take place at this time, and the holiday will be granted on Friday instead of Monday. On the whole, Junior week promises to be very enjoyable.

The State legislature is now in session and a great deal of interest is being shown in the appropriations which will be granted to the university. We are in need of a new dormitory as well as a physics building. It is hoped that the legislators will be awakened to our needs and that the relief will be found during the present session of the legislature.

In our chapter we note the return of all of our men except James M. Wiggins, the star football end on last fall's team. Brother Wiggins is in business at his home, Suffolk, Va.

John H. Bowshall.

Upsilon

Alabama Polytechnic Institute

Our much looked for Xmas holidays are over. We have returned, after a pleasant recreation period, determined to make 1909 a banner year in our college career.

Most of our men came back on time and all were here in the course of two or three days, excepting J. H. Gunn, who will not return. Brother Gunn, a transfer from Delta Chapter, came to Auburn last September. Upsilon will miss him for he has proved himself to be a hard worker.

The Senior class of Auburn must be complimented. In a recent meeting the class elected J. G. Hanlin, editor-inchief of the annual *Glomerata*. Brother Hanlin is a zealous fraternity man and possesses great business-managing ability.

The basket-ball season is in progress, and, though Auburn's team has not been very successful thus far, the prospects for a winning team later in the season are good. Brothers Hall, Parker and Major are on the 'Varsity squad. All of these men have shown up well and during the remainder of the season we can safely expect great things of them.

Brother Lanford is still working diligently with us on our chapter house proposition. He deserves the praise of every Π and especially is our chapter indebted to him.

Brothers, we must have a fraternity song book. Brother Smythe has written that there has been lack of interest on the part of the chapters in this work of collecting and composing songs. We must have the song book by the next convention. Every man must do his part and especially those men who are gifted in this line. So get to work and send your songs to John McSween, Jr., chairman of committee, Timmonsville, S. C. W. C. OLIVER.

Chi

University of the South

The University of the South has recently suffered a great loss in the death of John Bell Henneman, Ph. D., Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He was not only a great teacher of English, but he was one of the foremost educators of the South, and was much beloved by all who knew him. Not only this university, but the whole South, bemoans his loss. Dr. St. George Leakin Sioussat has been appointed his successor as Dean.

Chi is still capturing her share of honors. Berry was co-winner of the inter-society debate and was awarded the J. B. Rylance medal for the best debator. Following right in the steps of this he was elected president of the \(\Sigma \) E Literary Society. Ellis and Whitfield are representing the chapter on their respective class basket-ball teams.

With best wishes.

HENRY J. WHITRIELD.



Psi

North Georgia Agricultural Cellege

Psi introduces James Arthur Hollingsworth, of Tifton, Ga.

In the December issue most of the chapters gave a list of the honors received by their men during the fall term. Psi is not behind the others, as the following partial list will attest: Galloway is cadet captain of Co. "A," treasurer of Phi Mu Literary Society, prophet of Senior class, and captain of the football team, which latter honor brought him a broken leg about the middle of the season. Willingham is cadet first lieutenant and battalion adjutant. He is also a member of the first class to receive the E. M. Degree from this college. Akers is 'Varsity third baseman for the third year. Henderson is a veteran member of

the football team, having played two years at guard and two years at tackle. Harley and Ellison are cadet sergeants, and Barnes a corporal. Power is cadet first lieutenant of artillery, manager of football team, and business manager of *Cuclops*, the college annual.

We have one pledge, and will probably have more in the near future.

We were all greatly gratified by the excellence of the December issue. Let every man contribute his part towards making this the best fraternity magazine published.

Best wishes to each and every II.

CHAS. E. POWER.



Omega

State University

It is almost incredulous to think that two months have passed so rapidly since our last letter. The holidays have gone and we have all resumed our class work, but 1909 finds us no stronger in numbers. We regret that we have not had more men to introduce, but we uphold quality before quantity.

Although football season has been over for some time, yet we still have fresh in our memory the achievements of the season and more especially our overwhelming victory Thanksgiving Day. We entertain high hopes for a very successful season next year and hope to have a team second to none in the South. Only one man is lost from this year's team, so prospects are indeed bright. The entire football squad was tendered a banquet by the Athletic Association, besides many students who were not aspirants for football honors, giving it a decided tone of a strictly college banquet. The small hours of the morning found many college folk wending their way home.

Basket-ball is quite a topic with us at present. Being a Co-ed institution, the State supports two basket-ball

teams. Our boys' team has not been quite as successful as it might have been, yet it will be one of the best in the State; Brother Kelley is a member. As for the girls' team, we have, perhaps, the best in the State, and expect to carry away the championship of the entire State.

The Gym. team is hard at work, and before long we expect to again win the Inter-Collegiate Gym Tournament; Brother Hedges is a member of the team.

Recently a Glee Club has been formed and rapid improvement has been made in their singing. Several short trips have been planned and the club is expected to delight their audiences.

Baseball is now beginning, yet at times we are tempted to sometimes say "snowballs" instead. Most of our work has been on the inside, but occasionally a bit of outside practice is mingled in during the short mild spells. We expect to take a Virginia trip or one farther South. At any rate we expect to see something of our "sunny Southern" brethren in the spring.

Following our annual custom, Kappa and Omega are to give their dance on the 29th of January. Practically all the arrangements have been arranged and every thing is in readiness for it. Several hundred invitations have been issued and no expense has been spared in making it a complete success. Many out-of-town II's are co-operating with us and a pleasant time is assured. The chapter regrets that we have had no opportunity to extend invitations to the II's at large, as we would have been more than glad to have any of them with us at any time and especially for the social event of our year.

Omega extends her best wishes to the chapters.

W. W. HILLENMEYER.



Alpha-Alpha Trinity College

We introduce B. S. Hurley, of Troy, N. C., and T. B.

Harris, of Concord, N. C. We take great pleasure in this introduction of two new brothers. They have already proven themselves to be great workers, and Alpha-Alpha considers herself fortunate in getting these men. Brother Hurley is a member of this year's Glee Club.

We will be able to introduce some new men in our next letter. We have three men pledged, and our eyes are on some others. Our regular initiation will take place on February 6th. We are making a special effort to have as many of our old alumni with us at the initiation as possible.

Things are rather dull at present as the mid-year examinations are now on. But after the first of February things will take on new life. The baseball practice will begin then. The college considers itself very fortunate in securing again the services of Dr. Atkins, of Cleveland American Club. The prospects for a winning team are good.

Stewart is a member of this year's basket-ball team. The team has just returned from a tour over the western part of the State.

Arrangements are being perfected for a new one hundred thousand dollar gymnasium and athletic field.

We were glad to have a visit from a number of brothers from Tau Chapter recently.

The December issue was a very creditable one and was received with great pleasure by us all. The work of H K A is very gratifying.

Wishing best success to all II's,

W. S. STEWART.



Alpha-Delta

Georgia School of Technology

Since Alpha-Delta's last letter to the fraternity, three good men have been added to our roll. They are as follows: John Ginhan Gilliam, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Frank

A. Stivers, Chattanooga, Tenn.; William Heber Thames, Hattiesburg, Miss. It also gives us great pleasure to know that Brother Mac Trotter Robertson, who left us in 1907, will be with us in February.

Alpha-Delta is well pleased with this year's efforts, and hopes to continue her good work for the fraternity.

Athletics at Tech are rather on the quiet, except for a few games of basket-ball. Her record for the year was not an all-winning one, but was good enough, considering that this year was practically her beginning in basketball. We look forward to a good baseball team for this season, and, although we are not over-confident, hope to show up well beside our competing teams.

Foremost in the minds of Tech students at the present time are the coming term examinations. That these will be difficult is not an idle dream. We can therefore sympathize with other brothers in the same predicament.

Tech's glee club this year was a success in every sense of the word. A concert was given by its members, at the Grand Opera House on January 23rd. Several fraternities and girls' schools were represented in the boxes. The club entire is composed of the chorus (including a double quartet), an orchestra, and a mandolin club.

Alpha-Delta is represented in the chorus and in the orchestra.

SAM N. HODGES.

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Alpha-Gamma

Louisiana State University

It is with a willing hand that the scribe of Alpha-Gamma daubs his quill in the blackish fluid from the river Styx, and relates the happenings of the past two months, this being the most prosperous session that Dame Fortune has ever bestowed upon us.

The session was commenced with a gallant band of old-

timers, who soon had united with them in the bonds of II K A several "prospects" of the past session, and a transfer from Sigma.

The old-time and battle-scarred matter of building a chapter house was taken up, and as the drops of honest toil and perseverance did crown our brows, success vindicated the adoption of our plans, and if naught happens to mar our way, within a few months another monument to the Knights of the Shield and Diamond will deck our campus, a monument which we may well feel proud of. We hope it will eclipse anything in its line in the university, and will always have open portals wide to welcome any wandering II whose path may lead our way.

The standing of the five fraternities represented here at the present time is KA7. K \(\S \) 11, \(\S \) A \(\E \) 11, \(\S \) N 10, and II KA 14. The second term has just commenced and ere long we intend to use "Billy" and introduce a few more brothers into the realm of Mystic Wonders.

To our honor list for this session of '08-'09 let me now add a few more items: S. E. Mary, captain '09 'Varsity baseball team; H. V. Moseley, humorous editor *Gumbo*, and P. J. Miller, assistant surgeon of hospital. More are yet to come.

We hope to see a rousing delegation at the convention to be held in New Orleans, and assuring our brothers a warm and hearty welcome to our Pelican State.

THOS. M. WADE, JR.

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Alpha-Epsilon

North Carolina A. & M. College

The winter term at this institution is now on and the students have dropped back into the routine of college duties very much refreshed after the holidays. All the members of this chapter have returned, each one bringing pleasant memories of the holidays so happily spent.

The thoughts of college are now centered on the approaching spring athletic season. Already the crack of bat and the thud of mit are heard. Although it has not been definitely decided who will coach, it is safe to say that they will be placed in the hands of men thoroughly fitted to give them the best possible instructions.

The ties between this chapter and Alumnus Sigma were recently strengthened by a joint banquet held by them at Café Giersch, in Raleigh. Many pleasing and appropriate toasts were given and responded to by the members of both chapters and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all.

Alpha-Epsilon has recently been very seriously discussing the probability of building a chapter house. None of the other fraternities at this college have houses here and we fully realize the great benefit the chapter would derive from such a house. Plans are now being formulated to raise the necessary funds to erect a handsome and suitable home for the chapter.

The coming convention has already raised a great deal of interest among the members here, and we hope to have a worthy representation from Alpha-Epsilon, but owing to the great distance at which this convention will be held it will be very hard for many members to attend.

The General Assembly of the State are now in session here, and the college authorities are working very hard to get an appropriation for the erection of a new dormitory, which is so greatly needed here.

The college battalion recently took part in the inaugural parade of the new governor and made a most creditable showing.

D. W. Hill, Jr.



Alpha-Eta

University of Florida

All our members returned after the holidays with the

exception of Brother Bortleson. He has entered Stetson University, at DeLand, Fla.

We have a man pledged and will take him in on January 25th.

Captain Cox and his engineering students are now spending two days out of each week making surveys to determine the best route for a good rock road to connect Gainesville and Ocala. Brother Riley is our representative in this surveying party.

Dr. W. D. Weatherford, of Nashville, Tenn., traveling secretary of the student Y. M. C. A., paid the university a visit the early part of this month. He made several talks about the best methods of carrying on the work of the association here, and his visit has undoubtedly added greatly to the effectiveness of the workers among the students.

Prof. S. M. Tracy, the botanist, of Biloxi, Miss., will shortly pay the university a visit. He is engaged in experiments intended to show what food and forage plants can be successfully and profitably introduced into the South.

On January 19th, the ladies of the Kirby Smith Chapter, U. D. C., presented portraits of Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee to the university.

We have moved our chapter rooms across the square into the Gainesville National Bank building. We are now better located than we have been since we came to Gainesville.

Baseball is beginning to be heard once more among our fellow students, but we will have to say more about it in our next letter. Prospects are fair though.

Best wishes to every Π .

E. PECK GREENE.

Alpha-Iota

Millsaps College

Inter-collegiate athletics at Millsaps have now been permanently abolished. The members of the Mississippi Methodist Conference, which met at Yazoo City in December, decided that we must not play with other colleges, so an edict issued several years ago by this same body was re-affirmed and we must now confine ourselves to interclass contests. This blow came as a thunderbolt from a clear sky to the students for we had been led by those in authority to believe that conference would not pass any measure condemning inter-collegiate athletics. Our enthusiasm has by no means abated, however, for as our new athletic field is nearing completion the schedule for a series of inter-class baseball games is being arranged, which will in a measure compensate for the loss of the inter-collegiate features.

B. C. Buck, who came to us from Phi Chapter at the beginning of this session, did not return to college after the Christmas holidays, but has accepted a position at Birmingham, Ala. We are sorry indeed to lose Buck for since being here he has impressed us as being one of the strongest and most enthusiastic workers we have ever seen.

Neill, Mullins and Williams were sent as delegates from our Y. M. C. A. to the students' conference, which was held at Ruston, La., during the holidays. They must have had a very pleasant time while in Ruston for they are already making arrangements to visit again the place which they insist on calling the garden spot of the world.

Rumors are afloat here to the effect that there will soon be another fraternity represented on our campus. We have been unable to obtain any authentic information, but we know that a secret club has been organized and there seems to be no doubt that a charter has been applied for. At present there are three fraternities represented here, K A, K Z, and II K A, but there is ample material for another, so

we feel that we will in nowise suffer because of the new chapter being put in.

Our Junior class has recently begun the publication of a weekly newspaper, *The Purple and White*. Alpha-Iota is represented on the staff by Neill, business manager, and Kelly, assistant business manager.

The work on our college annual is being rapidly completed, and from all indications the *Bobashela* will be better this year than ever before.

Brother E. J. Mohler, of Gulfport, was with us for a short while just after the holidays. Mohler was present at one of our meetings and gave us some sound and wholesome advice in regard to fraternity matters.

Brother D. N. Glass has returned to college after an enforced absence of several months. Glass is a member of the Sophomore class and is one of our hardest and most consistent workers.

TOM A. STENNIS.



Alpha-Kappa

Missouri School of Mines

Alpha-Kappa takes great pleasure in introducing Eugene Harding Broughton, Jefferson City, Mo., who has just entered school after several years' practical experience in the West.

Since our last letter Alpha-Kappa has lost three members. Siegmond has finished his work in the Special Electrical Course, and has entered Purdue University to take advanced work in Telephone Engineering. Purcell has decided not to return to school, and Radcliff has left for the East, where he will accept a position in the engineering line.

Alpha-Kappa men all weathered the Christmas exams. in good shape, and are now well started on the second term's work.

The only excitement in Rolla during the winter is the basket-ball games. Rolla is having a fair share of luck and has turned out a very good team.

The fellows are now working hard on a minstrel show, which will be given in March for the benefit of the Rollamo, the school year book, the work on which is progresing nicely, and the board of editors expect to publish the best year book ever yet gotten out.

The chapter is doing considerable talking about the convention and its probable date. Alpha-Kappa is located in a school where the year's work is done in three terms, and if the date set is early in March or later than April 30, it will be practically impossible for the chapter to send a delegate, as it means that the delegate will probably be flunked in some of his studies, even though he might succeed in getting a leave of absence from school. Alpha-Kappa believes that the last week in March or the first week in April would be the best time for the convention, and we hope that the date set will be during this time.

The new men entering the school at the beginning of the second term have made the attendance the largest in the history of the school, and, if the funds asked for by the school are appropriated by the next legislature, the school will be enabled to carry out its plans next year on a much larger scale.

T. S. Dunn.

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Alpha-Mu

University of Georgia

Of all the loyal and faithful II's who graced the roll of Alpha-Mu during the early part of the present collegiate year, only six returned. These are Hulen, McClellan, Smith, Stephens, Townsend and Small, and now Brother Smith is with us no more. He decided that he didn't want to be a lawyer and, consequently, that there was no use taking law. A thing, however, of which we are justly

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proud and which is a great consolation to us in our "hour of bereavement" is that in every instance the "withdrawal" was voluntary, not compulsory.

The eyes of all are at present turned towards basket ball. "Georgia" has a strong team, and has, at least, a "look-in" for the championship. Our percentage is now .750, having lost one and won three games. We suffered our only defeat at the hands of the Atlanta Athletic Club, who beat us by the remarkably close score of 32-30. Our old rival Tech has already suffered two disastrous defeats.

Prospects for a good baseball team are bright. There are several "dark horses," who are expected to do wonders on the diamond. Arrangements have already been made for the class games and they are being universally looked forward to with great pleasure.

There is a movement on foot among the fraternities to co-operate with the faculty in the matter of delinquent students, each fraternity exercising personal supervision over its men. This plan has already been tried at several institutions and has met with great success.

C. C. SMALL.



Alumnus Alpha

Richmond, Va.

A called meeting of the Alumnus Alpha Chapter was held on the night of January 14th in the offices of Cabell & Cabell, Shafer Bldg., Richmond, Va. The meeting was a very enthusiastic one, and was well attended.

It was decided at this meeting to hold a banquet at Richmond on the night of March 1, 1909, same being the forty-first anniversary of the founding of the fraternity. It was also decided to invite to this meeting a representative from each active chapter in the State, and we are also making an effort to have with us on this occasion Brother L. W. Tazewell, of Norfolk, Va., one of the surviving

founders. A number of out-of-town II's are expected to join with us on this occasion and we are all looking forward to it with much pleasure. It was also decided to make this an annual custom with the chapter and from now on Alumnus Alpha will celebrate Founders' Day in an appropriate and fitting manner.

There are between thirty and forty II's living in Richmond, and, together with the out-of-town men whom we hope to have with us, the gathering promises to be a very enjoyable one.

Sam W. Lacy.



Alumnus Tau

Salisbury, N. C.

In the last Shield and Diamond we were pleased to note the presence of several new alumni chapters. Let the good work continue brothers, as it is evidence of our rapid growth, and of abundance of true fraternity spirit. To each one Alumnus Tau extends her heartiest greetings.

No doubt every II is looking forward with pride and pleasure to the biennial convention in New Orleans. Let us have a large attendance this time. It certainly would be pleasing to have every alumnus chapter represented as well as the active ones.

We have not had a meeting lately as some of our members are absent, but we hope to meet soon and discuss some important matters.

Let us see how many of us can meet in New Orleans for the convention. Every man should make it a point to try to go and if he does I am sure he will never regret the time and expense it cost him.

Best wishes for all the Π 's.

PRESTON BUFORD.



Alumnus Upsilon

Charlotte, M. C.

Alumnus Upsilon, the Charlotte alumni chapter of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, entertained its members and a number of visiting college men at an elaborate banquet on the night of December 29, 1908, in the banquet hall of the Gem Hotel. About twenty of the local fraternity men, together with many from nearby towns, gathered at 9 o'clock and for three hours strengthened old ties, and formed new ones of friendship and good fellowship. Rev. Dr. J. R. Howerton, now holding the chair of moral philosophy at Washington and Lee University, was the guest of honor of the local association. Rev. Charles E. Ravnal acting as toastmaster. Between the courses the men around the table told of their experiences in the old college days, and each proved himself an interesting and delightful speaker.

Those present were: Rev. Dr. J. R. Howerton, Lexington, Va.; K. B. Cline, Concord; E. M. Shenk, Concord; Joe S. Wray, Gastonia; T. B. Harris, Concord; Frank Lee, Monroe; A. Campbell Cline, Concord; O. Lee, Monroe; Lee E. Foil, Mt. Pleasant; and Robert H. Lafferty, J. J. Misenheimer, M. E. Williams, T. W. Kendrick, Rev. Charles E. Raynal, Rev. Frank D. Jones, Ronald B. Wilson, W. S. Stewart, Pierce Wyche, A. J. Beall, Jr., Ralph C. Sadler, D. F. Hunter, Archie Wakefield and W. C. Rucker, of Charlotte.

The Pi's

In order to make this department complete and more interesting, each member is earnestly requested to forward promptly to the Editor or Assistant Editor, any tiem of news concerning a brether member which may come under his notice.

- —J. T. McAllister, Alpha and ex-Grand Secretary, is the local representative of Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, of New York, at Hot Springs, Va., and has recently put through a deal for her in the purchase of 250 acres, about two and one-half miles from the famous Homestead Hotel, at Hot Springs. This property is to be divided into villa sites and sold to fill in the void between Newport and Tuxedo seasons.
- —J. M. Arnold, Pi, flung out his shingle the first of the year in Norfolk, Va., where he will practice law and will be glad to see all IIs. His address is rooms 507-508 Board of Trade Building, and the best wishes of all the IIs will follow him.
- —The General Office received the following invitation to the marriage of our brother of Alpha. The best wishes and hearty congratulations are extended.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Joseph Sheppard request the pleasure of your company at the wedding reception of their daughter Elise and

Mr. James Adam Bear Wednesday evening, January the sixth at half past six o'clock Four hundred and twenty-six Summit Street Winston, North Carolina.

- -Rev. Theron H. Rice, Theta, Alpha and Iota, our Grand Chaplain for so many years and one to whom the fraternity owes so much for the reorganization of the plan of government, which was adopted at the Hampden-Sidney convention, December 20th-23d, 1889, entered this fall upon his work as Stuart Robinson professor of the English Bible at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. His resignation from the pastorate of the large Central Presbyterian Church, of 1.000 members at Atlanta, was announced in a previous issue. Brother Rice has richly succeeded in this important work and the last issue of the Union Seminary Magazine contains his address delivered to the graduating class of this seminary last May. The same issue of this magazine contains also a sermon on Eternity, the Proper Standard of Measurement, from then pen of Rev. J. Gray McAllister, our Grand Chaplain.
- —M. J. Malamphrey, Alpha-Theta, spent several weeks this fall at Hot Springs, Va., as the private secretary of Hon. W. E. Glasscock, governor-elect of West Virginia. The governor has been heard to declare that Malamphrey "is strictly all right."
- —The following announcement post marked Indian Neck, Va., will be read with interest by all IIs regarding our brother of Omicron:

Mrs. Frank Brown Beale announces the marriage of her daughter Susette Garnett

Mr. Walter G. Tyler on Tuesday the twenty-ninth of December Nineteen Hundred and Eight.

Brother Tyler is extended very hearty congratulations and good wishes.

—W. Harrison Jordan, Alpha—'08, has announced that he has begun the practice of law in the city of Lynchburg, Va., in the Krise Building, commencing January 1st, '09. We hope that great success will attend his efforts and con-

gratulate him on the very tasty announcement which he has sent out.

- —Rev. Henry A. Young, Iota, who, for a number of years has been at Goshen, Va., is now pastor of Cook's Creek Church, Mt. Clinton, Va. The church is said to be one of the most important in the Virginia Synod and has a membership of 316.
- —The General Office had the pleasure of a visit last month from Prof. Jno. I. Armstrong, Iota, who occupies the chair of the Bible History in Agnes Scott College, Decatur.
- —The General Office had a charming visit on January 28th from Rev. Jno. S. Foster, Theta, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Petersburg, Va., who was en route to Sherman, Tex., in response to a call from the First Presbyterian Church of that city. This congregation was so anxious to have Brother Foster consider this call that they sent him his ticket and expenses. Brother Foster spoke of frequently seeing Dr. Rice in Richmond and also of his visit last year to New York, where he staid in the apartments of Brother D. Asa Blackburn, pastor of the Church of the Strangers. Brother Blackburn is extremely popular and much beloved by his congregation and is doing a good work.
- —We clip the following from The Fort Mill (S. C.) Times regarding our Brother of Mu:

Fort Mill people will be interested to know that Mr. James D. Fulp, a son of Mrs. A. O. Jones, of this place, has purchased the interest of Mr. A. E. Davis in the gent's furnishing business in Winnsboro and is now conducting the business as sole owner. James is a clever young man and that he is meeting with success in Winnsboro is gratifying to his many friends here.

—F. O. Carver, Tau, of Roxboro, N. C., is the representative from Person County in the North Carolina legislature this session.

—In a recent copy of the Charlotte (N. C.) Observer, there appears a very interesting article regarding our Brother Oscar W. Underwood, who was initiated January 22, 1882, into Alpha Chapter at the University of Virginia, and the following excerpts will be read with interest:

Upon the convocation of the Forty-Eighth Congress in first regular session at the Capitol, in December, 1893, there appeared at the bar of the House of Representatives a rather youthful man, who was sworn in as a member from the State of Alabama. He bore an illustrious name, and the young statesman disclosed a capacity for work and a mastery of detail that was simply prodigious. Dry statistics, that appalled your genius were his study, and he reveled in them. A strong, a forcible, a logical, and even a ready public speaker.

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Oscar W. Underwood was born in Louisville, Ky., May 6, 1862. He was educated at the famous Rugby School, of that city, and at the University of Virginia, where he so greatly distinguished himself as to be chosen president of the Jeffersonian Society of

that institution.

At Charlotte Oscar Underwood became well grounded in the teachings of Jefferson and cordially embraced the precepts of the great apostle of American Democracy. In 1884, when Birmingham, Ala., was a village in the midst of a forest, he settled there and engaged in the practice of law. He saw that small community grow to be a mighty industrial centre and take rank among the great iron and steel centres of the world. In one of his first speeches in Congress he made the declaration that his district could produce pig iron at less cost than it could be made anywhere else in the world.

Ten years after young Underwood located at Birmingham he was chosen a member of the Fifty-fourth Congress. Underwood has never served in a Democratic Congress, and consequently he has not been given a fair opportunity to fully disclose his capacity for affirmative, practical legislation, a talent with which he is certainly richly endowed, and it is disciplined by fourteen years of experience in a body where nothing in this world is legal tender but merit. A fellow that comes to the front in the American House of Representatives works his passage. There is

no other way to get there.

Though a young man—but 32 when first elected—Underwood has been singularly fortunate in committee assignments—judiciary, rules, appropriations, ways and means. This is the very aristocracy of congressional life. No man gets committee appointments by chance or by favor. He must command them by the reputation he made before he got here or earn them by his meritorious service after he gets here. Sound in mind and members, correct in morals, judicial of temper, moderate of speech, industrious of habit, urbane of manner, modest of deportment, observant, vigilant, prompt—these are the qualities that made young Underwood conspicuous in that great council before he

- was 40. He was not a brilliant man, not showy—he will not set the Potomac afire or knock a rival down to get into the limelight—none of that for him—but he is a plain man of good common sense, like John Sherman or Charles A. Culberson, and these are they who are precious in councils of state.
- —The following from a recent issue of *The Manilla Weekly Times* will be read with interest and pride, giving an account of heroic action of Brother Minor Lee Stephens, of Psi, who graduated in 1906:

Third Lieutenant Minor L. Stephens, First Company, Constabulary of Cagayan, is especially mentioned for courageous conduct in going to the rescue of Assistant District Engineer Judson T. Wells, Bureau of Public Works, when the banquilla on which they had embarked was dashed against the rocks and capsized in the Abulung River September 13, 1908.

When the banquilla capsized, Mr. Wells, unable to swim, was thrown underneath it and was carried thus for some distance until Lieutenant Stephens dived for him, and brought him to the shore. The place in the Abulung River where the accident occurred is a dangerous one and Lieutenant Stephens saved the life of a companion by freely exposing his own.

—The following is from the Atlanta Journal, January 21st, regarding the wife of our Brother of Alpha:

A delightful little affair in New York that brought together a group of Southern women, chiefly ex-Atlantians, was a luncheon given by Mrs. Augustus M. Anderson at her apartment in Ninety-first Street, Tuesday of last week, in compliment to Mrs. L. D. T. Quinby, of Virginia, formerly of Atlanta.

Mrs. Quinby is visiting Mrs. James H. Dinwiddle and receiving a number of attentions from her circle of friends in New York, where she lived for several years. Mrs. Frank B. Jordan gave an afternoon tea in her honor last Thursday and there have been bridge parties and luncheons innumerable for her pleasure.

- —Hon. Franklin McNeil, Alpha and Beta, and also a member of Alumnus Sigma at Raleigh, N. C., has been re-elected chairman of the North Carolina Corporation Commission.
- —Robert O. Purdy, Epsilon, who retired recently from the Circuit Court of South Carolina, is being spoken of now for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of this State. Brother Purdy was one of the most popular justices in South Carolina and some time ago many resolutions adopted by the various lawyers' associations of that

State were republished in this department regarding his retirement from the bench.

—In a recent issue of the Charlotte (N. C.) Observer appeared the following regarding our Brother of Alpha-Epsilon:

Mr. Ronald B. Wilson, former editor of *The American Textile Manufacturer* of this city, has purchased one-half interest in *The Real Estate Record*, the newest of Charlotte's publications, and will hereafter devote his entire time to the work. Mr. Ernest M. Darlington, who founded *The Record*, will continue as editor and Mr. Wilson will look after the business interests of the paper. The progress it has made during the few months of its existence is proof positive that it will survive and become a live and influential factor in the business life of the city. Mr. Wilson is a capable and energetic newspaper man and adds to the power behind the publication. An early increase in the size of the paper is anticipated.

- —G. C. Montgomery, Kappa and Omega, is with the American Creosoting Company, Springfield, Mo.
- —A wedding of deep interest to all II's was solemnized at Bowling Green, Va., on December 29th last, when Miss Lusette G. Beale became the bride of Brother Walter G. Tyler, an alumnus of Omicron Chapter, better known perhaps to some of us as "Long John Tyler."

Brother Tyler was one of the charter members of the new Omicron Chapter established at Richmond College during the session of 1900-1901. He has always taken a deep interest in fraternity affairs and Omicron Chapter owes much to his loyalty and to his good judgment. Bro. Tyler was a familiar figure at the last convention and we herewith extend to him a cordial invitation to attend the New Orleans Convention and to bring his better-half. Mrs. Tyler has long been a loyal II sister and the best wishes of the fraternity will always follow this couple. We publish a clipping taken from the Buena Vista (Va.) Times of which Brother Tyler was editor for two years:

A wedding of much interest to the numerous friends and acquaintances of the groom in this city was solemnized at the home of the bride's uncle, Dr. W. L. Broaddus, in Bowling Green, on Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock, at which time Miss Susette

G. Beale, of Indian Neck, Va., became the wife of Mr. W. G. Tyler, formerly of Buena Vista, but now of New York City.
Miss Beale is a daughter of the late Rev. Frank B. Beale, of

King and Queen County, and a granddaughter of Gen. R. L. T. Beale. of the Confederate Army, who was well known to all Virginians of his day. She is a lovely and talented young woman. a worthy daughter of such a family, and was educated at the Woman's College in Richmond, Va.

Mr. Tyler, who is a native of Tappahannock, in Essex County, Va., is the Southern manager for Rand, McNally & Co., of Chicago and New York, with offices in Richmond, Va. He was for several years engaged in the practice of law in Buena Vista with Mr. R. H. Willis, but gave up his profession to accept a very flattering offer from the above-named company. Mr. Tyler was also editor of the Times, for two years, which work he carried on very successfully in addition to his law practice.

- -Richard Clemmer, Phi, is attending the Ohio State University this session.
- -C. W. Bentleson, Alpha-Eta, is taking a special course this year at Stetson University, DeLand, Fla.
- -Harvey S. Gill. Omicron, has charge of a large wholesale grocery business in Petersburg, Va.
- -Edwin Hugh Smith, Gamma and Alpha, has been one of the most successful young attorneys of the State for the last two years. His address is Heathsville, Va.
- -R. H. Willis, Omicron, has a large law practice at Buena Vista, Va. He is the senior member of the well known firm of Willis & Robertson.
- —S. W. Lacy, Omicron, is with the firm of Cabell & Cabell, Richmond, Va.
- —John Martin, Iota and Omicron, is practicing law in Richmond, Va., with offices in the Chamber of Commerce Building.
- -Henry C. Taylor, Omicron, is in the grocery business with his father in Richmond, Va. His home address is 2717 East Grace Street, Richmond, Va.

Fraternity World and Exchanges

Address all communications for this Department to its Editor.

Sigma Phi Epsilon has established a chapter at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala., with eight charter members.

The Crucible Club, for five years a local at the Colorado School of Mines, Goldin, Col., has become a chapter of Beta Theta Pi.

Delta Tau Delta has entered the University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.

Phi Kappa Psi has re-established at the University of Missouri; its chapter which has been inactive for thirty-two years, absorbing for that purpose the local Zeta Chi.

The Miami Chapter of Delta Upsilon has been revived by the initiation of the members of the Delta Rho Society.

Chi Omega has entered Florida State University.

Kappa Sigma has installed a chapter at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, absorbing the local Gamma Alpha.

Beta Theta Pi has established a chapter at the Tulane University of Louisiana, with seventeen initiates and four pledges. The Alpha Delta Xi society was absorbed.

Because it has thirty-eight active chapters, the sorority of Pi Beta Phi has been called by the magazine of a rival sorority "the most liberal expansionist in the college world." A fraternity with only thirty-eight active chapters is held to be ultraconservative by a majority of its brother organizations.—Caduceus of Kappa Sigma.

The acquiring of permanent homes is progressing very rapidly. The fraternities have apparently reached what may be called "The age of chapter house building," and in the course of ten years we may expect to find very few chapters who do not either own or rent a home. One of the greatest arguments, perhaps, in favor of a permanent home, is that advanced by one of the fraternities at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., to the effect that a chapter is not going to die if it has a home of its own.

Within the past two months a number of chapters of different fraternities have reported that they have secured homes, a few of which are the following: The Wittenberg, Colorado Mines, and Vanderbilt Chapters of Beta Theta Pi; the Columbia Chapter of Delta Tau Delta; the University of Illinois Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi; the Marietta (Ohio) Chapter of Delta Upsilon.

Other chapters have plans for the erection of houses in the near future, the most noticeable of which is, perhaps, the Oregon Chapter of Kappa Sigma, which was established in 1904, has a total membership of only forty-three, and proposes to build a house to cost \$10,000. The success of the New York City Kappa Sigma club house has caused the Pittsburg alumni of the same fraternity to make plans for a house. The California Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta some months ago issued a sixteen-page prospectus with the end in view of interesting the alumni in a chapter house. So well was the plan received that ground has already been broken for the erection of a house to cost over \$15,000. Chi Omega has appointed a chapter-house committee, the object being to solicit funds from the alum-

ni, such funds to be loaned to chapters at interest for the purpose of buying or building houses.

There are seven fraternity houses at Illinois representing values from \$15,000 to \$30,000.—Record.

The following from the November Beta Theta Pi is interesting as showing the plan upon which a chapter house is being built.

The Beloit Chapter has commenced to build its new house. Judging from the plans it will be a very pleasant and fine looking house. The land cost \$2,700 and the house will cost about \$14,000. The usual plan has been followed in financing the proposition. There is a first mortgage of \$9,000 and a second mortgage of \$5,000, the latter to secure bonds which will redeem at the rate of \$500 per annum from a sinking fund accruing from the rental paid by the chapter. The original \$2,700 was collected by notes of \$100 given by the members and payable at the rate of \$10 a year. The plan is feasible and practical.

The January number of Beta Theta Pi makes the statement that the Cumberland Chapter of Pi Kappa The Beta Theta Pi is not quite correct Alpha has died. in the statement; it should have been said that the chapter is suspended until the next convention, to be held this spring.

We offer the following without comment: it speaks for itself, in no uncertain language:

The fraternity creed teaches discipline by sympathy and by persuasion, holding expulsion as the greatest possible disgrace and the last resort. A fraternity man will be given many chances to redeem himself before this penalty is imposed; he will be advised, admonished and warned and if he has to be expelled it will be because every other solution of his case has been attempted without success. Even when there is no question about what ought to be done, a chapter will shift the responsibility on to the national officers, and the officers in turn will pass it along to a national convention. There will be a defender for the most degenerate and the sentence will have to be passed in the face of pleas more eloquent than Portia's on "The Quality of Mercy."

There is nothing more beautiful than loyalty, nothing more inspiring. The consciousness of a friendship that will hold in adversity even after hope is gone is a precious boon which has restored the pride of men given up for lost. Beautiful indeed is the hope of redemption, beautiful and precious, but the key to

this hope is honor.

The man who forgets the conditions upon which he was ad-

mitted into his fraternity, who deliberately brings disgrace upon the entire organization, who is heedless and insulting to the friends who would give him another chance—this man is absolutely without honor. His name is a smear on the scroll, his presence is a stench and his influence is a putrid, cancerous fester.

Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Mr. Walter James Sears, the Historian of Sigma Nu, who has done so much for that fraternity along historical lines, presents, in the November Delta, some remarkable tables and statements with reference to the growth of Sigma Nu. Table No. 1 shows the "historical development in detail, taking the chapter as the unit of interest, as well as of growth. The date of its birth or death, by whom founded, installed or revived, the cause of dormancy" are all shown. Table No. 2 is a "presentation in chronological order of the founding of the chapters." Table No. 3 is "a sort of genealogical tree of Sigma Nu." The above explanation gives but a poor idea of the scope of the tables, but it is not possible to publish them here.

What is this—the oldest and greatest, the dean, of college fraternities neglected and forgotten? Its discovery is due to Brother G. H. Holden, who prepares the statistics of the Greek letter societies for The World Almanac. A letter from its president informs us that the Sigma Pi Fraternity was founded at William and Mary College in May, 1752, by a charter from King George II. which restricted membership to Episcopalians. The society now has chapters at Vincennes University (A), Ohio State University (T), Illinois College (E), and the University of California (I), and the living members of inactive chapters at William and Mary. Lehigh, Washington and Lee, and Charlotte Hall are reckoned in an honorary chapter (B). "The policy in the past has been non-expansion, but hereafter will be expansion." Such fraternities as have hitherto been able to pride themselves on their long lists of honorable American names will be chargined to find among the distinguished sons of modest Sigma Pi Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Richard H. Lee, Robert E. Lee, Gov. Yates, and Mr. W. J. Bryan. About three hundred and fifty-five active members are reported. The colors are lavender and White.

Commenting editorially upon the failure of many of its chapters to celebrate Founder's Day, the editor of the Alpha Tau Omega Palm doesn't hesitate to express in vigorous fashion his opinion of those chapters that failed in this respect. The following, with particular reference

to Founder's Day, is equally true with general reference to all failures to comply with the law and the spirit of fraternity:

But we are frank to say that there is something radically wrong with the chapter that does not celebrate the natal day of Alpha Tau Omega. The chapter that has no time to pause once a year and to review the history of this organization is not worthy of a seat in our midst. The chapter that is so unmindful of its great obligation to Glazebrook, Ross and Marshall and to the host who have made Alpha Tau Omega in the years that have gone, is not likely to pay any regard to any other obligation, and it, ipso facto, forfeits its title as a loyal subordinate body of Alpha Taus. The chapter that refuses to learn a few lessons from the past as a guide for the future does not have much of a future to engage its attention.

"Strong words," possibly, but, nevertheless, the truth. The Palm has no patience with the spirit, entirely too prevalent among our active chapters, that deliberately annuls our laws by an international failure to comply with them and from our inward heart we protest against it. There are a number of chapters that held no Founder's Day exercises last year and will, probably, hold none this year. If there is anything like a decent excuse for such conduct, the Palm would be pleased to hear it. There is no excuse; failure to comply with the plain letter of the law is never excusable when the law is reasonable; failure to pay homage to the men who founded Alpha Tau Omega and failure to study its history can not be excused or palliated.

The subject of chapter letters is always an interesting one, for it is through this medium one chapter learns of what the others are doing. The following from the Sigma Chi Quarterly, via the Beta Theta Pi, we recommend to the careful consideration of chapter secretaries:

A Word to Associate Editors: Won't you please read carefully the chapter letters in this number of the Quarterly? For that matter, all of those of last year might be persued with profit. It is not with the view of using them as patterns for your letters in the future but of having you see how ridiculous some of them really are that we make this request. One would think that the work of some chapters is given over entirely to society and athletics, and in many instances the original copy emphasized this idea much more than the printed statement shows. To put it mildly, the letters show that the sense of proportion on the part of the authors of these letters is but slightly developed. Society and athletic events surely have a place in the life of a chapter, but to assume that they form the background and are the centers about which everything revolves is to lose sight of the real purpose of the fraternity. A little reflection will bring any right minded undergraduate to an understanding that there are other things in the life of a chapter of importance and of more real interest to the readers of the chapter letters than cotillions and athletic records, and let us hope that this year we shall hear something about them. For example, what is your chapter doing to raise the standards of scholarship of its members? Is it satisfied to have a proportion of its members failing in their studies or is it insisting that every man shall be first in the work which he is supposed to do? In short, let us see if the character of our letters can not be improved, for in so doing each individual chapter will be strengthened both locally and in the fraternity at large as well.

The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi has 2,600 subscribers.

Last year was the most prosperous period in the history of the fraternity journal. The dividend to the general fraternity was more than four hundred dollars. During the nine years incumbency of the present editor and publisher, who will celebrate his tenth anniversary as editor of The Shield in June, more than two thousand dollars has been turned over to the fraternity treasury in profits from the fraternity journal. By the time the ten years has been rounded out The Shield will have contributed more than \$2,500, or an average of \$250 per year, to the general treasury.—The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.

The last convention of Delta Upsilon appointed a committee for the purpose of devising plans for the organization of that fraternity's alumni.

The Supreme Court of Montana, in a recent decision, held unconstitutional a statute for the protection of fraternal badges.

The University of Mississippi has adopted an honor system which prohibits cheating, stealing, gambling and drunkenness in public places. Punishment is inflicted by class representative.—Ex.

The Inter-Fraternity Council at Nebraska is composed of representatives from the fraternities under the direction of a faculty member. It has charge of all matters concerning fraternities and the university.—Ex.

During the past college year practically all of the chapters of Delta Tau Delta issued at least one letter to their alumni. The following, from an editorial in the November *Rainbow*, gives an idea of what such letters should contain:

There are especially three features of such a production which would most interest an alumnus. He is interested in knowing the intimate details of the chapter life. Often this information can be given in such an interesting manner that it will bring

him back to the chapter in a visit.

Of equal importance is the news of his fellow alumni. He will greatly appreciate being advised of the doings of his old-time chapter associates; men who are often in his thoughts, but from whom he has been drifted by the tides of life and the work-a-day world. He may not see The Rainbow to secure this information from the alumni notes, and it is possible to give much more intimate details in a chapter alumni letter than would be quite in place in the columns of The Rainbow.

Items of interest to the alumnus, which seldom occur to an undergraduate, are general news of the college, changes on the campus, and local fraternity news and gossip. Such information is not only interesting, but it gives an alumnus valuable data

for judging the local standing of his old chapter.

These letters are private in their nature and limited in their circulation, and we believe they can be made most effective by a close conformity to a newsy, private, personal letter. They would be more valuable if issued two or three times a year than if the same sum were expended on only one elaborate production.

The following, from the Delta Upsilon Quarterly, with reference to the convention delegate, will be of interest on account of the approaching convention:

A perennial difficulty at fraternity conventions is the lack of concerted discussion of fraternity interests by the chapter delegates. It seems to be the desire of a majority of the undergraduate members of the annual gathering to see and be seen, to have a glorious time and to take home glowing accounts of what good fellows the entertaining chapter are, but only a few are willing to exercise their brains on the real problems of Delta Upsilon, let alone to express their own sentiments and chapter views on the convention floor. Perhaps the majority are encouraged by their chapters, by having the duty of representation thrust upon them as an honor rather than an office. The delegates can not be blamed for the shortcomings of their chapters, but it would seem as if representatives of such varied college organizations would be moved by the common divergence of their impressions of each other to bring out their ideas on fraternity topics, if they could not say anything as exponents of chapter spirit.

Too much stress can not be laid on the appreciation of the national convention by the chapters. They must remember that their expression of it is shown, often too clearly, in the choice of delegates to convention. If the convention is marked by the absence of argument and debate on the fraternity policy, resulting in a decline of vigor for the ensuing year, the chapters have to shoulder the responsibility. With the proper co-operation, there would be no responsibility to shoulder, and we could make Delta Upsilon conventions such hotbeds of fraternity interest that the rest of the college year would be occupied in heaping fuel on the blaze.

Mr. F. V. Keesling, Regent of Sigma Nu, has the following to say with reference to convention delegates:

It has come to my attention that solicitations of a political character are being made in an endeavor to influence delegates by instructions and otherwise. This is particularly contrary to the policy of the fraternity and chapters should not only be careful to send uninstructed and uninfluenced delegates but should directly resent any political solicitation whatever. It is apparent that meetings of the Grand Chapter would be unnecessary should instructions prevail to the extreme. Consequently, let us carefully guard against any interference with delegates. They should be chosen for their qualifications to represent and a chapter should be willing to abide by the decision of its delegate, whose judgment will be more carefully formed after participating in the deliberations of the Grand Chapter, which will manifestly produce a more liberal discussion than is possible by the individual chapter.

The College World

H. B. Arbuckle, Ph.D. Editor

Decatur. Ga.

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During the Christmas holidays the annual meeting of the Southern Educational Association was held in Atlanta, Ga. The enrollment was larger than it has been for a number of years and each department of the Association was well represented. Many papers of a very general interest were presented, among which were the following: A paper on "The Development of Industrial Education in this Country and Europe," "Education, a Business," "The Backward Child, a Psychological Study," "Testing of Eyes and Ears of School Children," "What Schools May Do in the Fight Against Tuberculosis." These papers of great practical value to all teachers can be had in the published records of the Association through Secretary H. E. Bierly, Chattanooga, Tenn.

A discussion in the Department of Higher Education of the Southern Educational Association brought out some interesting facts concerning student government. It appears that the strongest advocates of student government came from colleges for women, and the doubts as to its feasibility were expressed by professors from colleges for men. It appears that it has not yet proved a success for men, because it means the bringing of restraint and restriction upon men who have never been compelled to recognize them in college life, as students in these colleges have been permitted to do pretty much as they pleased and

no one in authority feels called upon to interfere, save in cases of gross misconduct. In colleges for women it is a success, because it frees them from a strict supervision of officers and teachers, and promises greater freedom.

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After this year three years of residence work will be required for graduation in the University of Virginia law school.—Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.

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Sophie Newcomb, the woman's college of Tulane University, has recently come into its money, which has been in litigation for many years. A large site has been purchased adjoining the grounds of the university proper and and the work of rebuilding will soon be under way. This will mean the removal of the college from its rather cramped quarters down in the city.

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Tulane already boasts the most up-to-date college buildings in the South, but the building craze is still on. A new medical building has just been completed at a cost of \$250,000. This must be a very fine building for this purpose. The removal of the medical department from its down-town location will bring the students of this splendid school more into the life of the campus. A new gymnasium will be erected this year at a cost of \$40,000. Tulane is fortunate indeed in its plans for future growth and development.

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The announcement that Agnes Scott College has been the recipient of large gifts within the last month has been received with much pleasure in the South, as the location at Atlanta, one of the great business centers of the South, favors the development of a large college for women like Vassar. The gifts at present aggregate \$225,000 and are

conditioned on the raising of only \$125,000 more. The progressive people of Atlanta can not allow such a movement to fail.

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President Eliot, of Harvard University, who will so soon give up actice service for education on account of increasing years, will ever remain a forceful figure in the national life of our country. He has been spoken of recently for Ambassador Reid's place at the English court. Americans would feel well assured of able representation if he could be induced to accept this high position.

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President Eliot is now planning a trip through the Southern States, which may give many of the students of the South a chance to see and hear this truly great man.

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Hampden-Sidney College has a new president. Rev. Tucker Graham, D. D., an enthusiastic and able alumnus of the college, formerly a missionary to China, and more recently pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Farmville, Va., is the man called to take the helm.

Editorial

THERE has probably never been a convention of more importance in the history of our fraternity than the coming one to be held in New Orleans, April 14th to 16th.

The fraternity has reached a point in her life when it is necessary to make many changes in her plan for work. Her growth demands more business-like method in the conduct of the chapter work and a realization on their part of the necessity of system. With this end in view a change in chapter methods has been suggested and it has been proposed that a number of other plans which have been talked of at previous conventions, and mentioned in the pages of the magazine in the past two years, be adopted.

The test of four years has proven the necessity of several changes in the constitution and many think some changes advisable in the ritual. There are also many plans for the future work of the fraternity which require the earnest, careful and deliberate discussion of the members. All of these matters are of great moment and should exact a large attendance of active and alumni members that through the counsel of many wisdom may be derived; and the best results obtained which will give the fraternity the most complete solution of these many matters and a solution, which, from its strength and efficiency will remain permanent and preclude the necessity of further discussion.

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As this is the last number before the convention, much of its space has been devoted to that subject in the earnest hope that a larger attendance than ever before may be obtained.

To the chapter members a convention offers an opportunity which nothing else can give to know the fraternity to which they belong and to see the inner workings of that organization. It is an opportunity which no chapter memher should lose and as one of the writers in this issue well SAVE, "any ordinary sacrifice made to be present will be more than iustified." The chapters should try to send a delegation, not just a delegate, and it should be the desire of every member to be among these representatives. There will be ample return for any expense incurred, and no experience in fraternity life will be more valuable now, or fraught with more tender memories and associations in the future, than the few days spent at one of these conventions. There will be II's from every chapter, every college, from every State; men of different minds, ideas, and associations, but all bound together in one harmonious body through the mystic ties of II K A.

What a pleasure to clasp the hands and to know personally the members of the other chapters, and what a fund of fraternity spirit and knowledge will thus be given. No chapter member should miss this New Orleans convention!

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ASIDE from the privilege of knowing your brother members and of serving your fraternity in the business sessions, there will be the social side to the convention, which is always a delight and a joy.

The New Orleans II's plan a great time for the boys of the "garnet and old gold," and the true Southern hospitality of this most hospitable old city will be poured out for your entertainment and enjoyment. You can not afford to miss it!

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ALL delegates should come prepared to take an active part in the business transactions of the convention, and instructed by their chapter with regard to voting on the various subjects under discussion.

The chapters should begin now to discuss any matters on which they desire to take action, and should prepare in writing, to be presented by their delegates, such changes in the old laws or such new ones as they feel would benefit the fraternity. If each chapter would instruct its delegation fully, and discuss beforehand plans for the benefit of the fraternity, the convention could proceed much more rapidly with business and a great deal more could be accomplished.

If the chapters have any special subjects which they wish discussed, the General Office should be notified as soon as possible, so that a place may be assigned them on the Official Program.



ALL who attend the convention should be careful to secure from their railroad agent when purchasing a ticket a certificate so that the reduction in the return rate can be obtained. Do not fail to get this certificate with your ticket as the rate can not be obtained otherwise.



EVERY ONE should read carefully the Official Communications on pages 296 to 298 of this issue, regarding the Convention.

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Announcement No. 1

HEADQUARTERS OF THE FRATERNITY.

February 1st, 1909.
[lpha Fraternity—Greet

To the Members of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity—Greeting:

- 1. I hereby summon the members of the fraternity to assemble together at New Orleans, La., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 14, 15 and 16, 1909, for the Second Biennial Convention.
- 2. Official headquarters of the convention will be at St. Charles Hotel, where special rates have been made for the delegates on the European plan as follows:

Two or more in room, with bath, each person\$	2.25
Two or more in room, without bath, each person	1.25
One in room, with bath	2.50
One in room, without bath	1.50

It is requested that all IIs should come to this hotel. The business sessions of the convention will be held in a special room in the hotel building.

- 3. The first business session will convene Wednesday morning, April 14th, at 9:30 o'clock. Delegates should arrive in time for the first session.
- 4. All alumni are cordially invited to attend these business sessions and will be accorded all the privileges of the floor, and, in addition, will be especially welcomed to take part in the deliberations. The fraternity needs their more mature advice and counsel, and it is hoped they will attend in large numbers.

FLOYD HUGHES, Grand Councilor.

Official Order No. 1

To the several Chapters of Pi Kappa Alpha—Greeting:

- 1. Chapters will immediately elect delegates and alternates and sned their names at once to the General Office, Room 517, Austell Building, Atlanta, Ga.
- 2. Attention is called to Section 22, Chapter VI, of the By-laws of the fraternity, requiring minute books to be submitted to the convention for examination. Failure subjects chapter to fine.

J. PIKE POWERS, JR., Grand Princeps.



Official Order No. 2

To the several Chapters of Pi Kappa Alpha—Greeting:

Each chapter must present, through its delegates, a full report covering the two college years since the last convention. These reports must be carefully written on only one side of the paper, and must contain: The full names and addresses of initiates and members since the last convention; an account of all the honors taken, specifying in which college year; a list of those to graduate this year and those who will return next year. You are referred to the last *Dagger and Key*, which will give you a good form to follow.

J. PIKE POWERS, JR., Grand Princeps.



Official Order No. 3

Chapters will note that in accordance with Section 22, Chapter VI, of the By-laws, their Record Books containing the name and history of each member must be submitted to me at the convention for inspection. Failure to do this will subject the Chapter to a fine.

GRAHAM SALE, Grand Historiographer.

Official Order No. 4

The attention of Chapters is called to the importance of securing from the railroad agent at the time of purchase of their ticket to New Orleans of a certificate which will entitle them to a reduced rate returning.

Unless these certificates are secured at the time the ticket is purchased the reduction in return rate can not be obtained. This applies to all who attend whether delegates or not, and also to the alumni.

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"The Garnet and the Gold"

Tune: "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean."

From the depths of our hearts let us sing it, A song that will never grow old, While the world holds a Pi Kappa Alpha, A song of the Garnet and Gold

CHORUS

Pi Kappa Alpha
All hail to the Garnet, all hail to the Gold
Pi Kappa Alpha
All hail to the Garnet and Gold.

The Gold is for hearts pure and loyal And the red is the hue of the bold, The banners of chivalrens knighthood, Are blazoned in Garnet and Gold.

In our youth and our strength we are chosen, And by vows strong and sacred enrolled, As Knights of the Shield and Diamond, The wearers of Garnet and Gold.

When our places are taken by others, And the tales of our school days are told. We shall still be Fraternity Brothers, Still leyal to the Garnet and Gold.

Through the years of our youth and our pleasure,
Through the years that will see us grow eld,
The best of the memories we treasure,
Will cling 'round the Garnet and Gold.
"WRITTEN BY A PI SISTER."

Are Fraternities Worth While?

ECRET organizations have stood the test of time. They have been one of the most potent factors in promoting fellowship and brotherly love among mankind in every phase and calling of life. Every man who goes to college must be in one of two classes, a fraternity or a non-fraternity. Some are granted the privilege of deciding the question for themselves, others are not. With the man who gets the bid the question for him to decide is whether or not a fraternity will be worth his while. The boy coming from the country or a small town to a college located in a city naturally feels an air of embarrassment which is not only discernible to himself but to his fellow students. hat brim may be a little too wide or too narrow, his trousers may be larger at the bottom than elsewhere, his coat may look as though it was tailored in time of a panic. Yet, this awkward country boy may be from one of the finest families in his community: his parents may be well off; he may have had the best of training and he, himself may have high ideals and a lofty ambition. But to whom are these later qualities to be known? There is nothing but the outward man from which to judge and the average student is too busy to make inquiries. It is the fraternity man, though, that has the interest of his chapter at heart who is inquisitive. If he sees in a fellow of this kind the latent culture and possible improvement he sets about to make him a fraternity brother. Now, it is for the first time since this rustic boy left his parents and the influence of his home surroundings that he begins to feel free. A new world opens before him. Instead, now, of feeling as though he was one of a great body of strangers, every one working for self, by the brotherly grip he realizes that he is one of a sympathetic family. By means of brotherly suggestions he gradually changes his dress and through his fraternity sisters his social embarrassment is soon forgotten.

There is the boy from the city whose appearance, deportment, dress and self-composure are such as to cause him to be rushed by all the fraternities. The one that lands him has a service to render him too. Living in a city he has had the advantage of a high school or a prep. school without going away from home. In this case all of his school expenses and other bills are paid by his father without his having seen them. He gets his spending money as he needs it. But when he goes to college he must pay all his expenses and the check is of a large amount for a great number of bills. It is from the discussions of the older brothers in their meetings that he is to learn how to spend this money judiciously and not squanderingly. Again it is his fraternity brothers who are to take the time to explain the different way of college life, the best plan of studying and of how best to arrange his study and recreation periods. Through the influence of his chapter he is enabled to go with the best of society. These same suggestions are helpful to the country fellow as well but not so much so because his atmosphere has been such as to incline him to conservatism.

Not alone is it at the beginning of a man's college career that his fraternity is worth his while but each year he is made to feel its force more and more. In every college man's life there are times of despondency and blues. All the world seems to have combined to thwart his aims. Every effort to study is with failure and a frown. In such plight man seeks solitude and wishes for a friend in whom he can confide. But in the busy college world who is there that does not have troubles enough of his own? It is a fraternity brother, who in a tender voice says, "The world is serving you wrong, old man; tell me your troubles; let me help you." Then it is that one realizes that though the world be against him there is at least a bunch of fellows that are bound to him by sacred bonds that are for him. Or again, a college fellow may desire, instead of

sharing his troubles with another, to drown them in drink and debauchery. If he be a member of the Greek world, even though he would drag his own name through the mire he will not pollute the Greek letters on his badge.

God has created man with a four-sided nature, namely: Religious, mental, physical and social. Now that he be a well rounded being all four of these qualities must, to some degree at any rate, be developed. A man entering a university has to have in view this four-fold develop-The religious phase of his life is provided for by the Y. M. C. A.'s and the church in general: the mental is fed from his books and the lecture rooms; through the medium of college athletics he is physically matured and there is now one need which remains to be supplied—the This department the fraternity should endeavor most, to make worth while. There is a law in the human race by which men of the same characteristics flock together. Since this law acts simultaneously and since without this law there can be no true social relations existing between fellows, fraternities attempt to search out such fellows, and unite them sympathetically in brotherly ties, grips, signs and pass words. When such a bunch has been united they can meet for a few hours each day in a chapter parlor, fitted for that purpose and there in a cosmopolitan way entertain each other.

These are only a few points in favor of secret organizations in college. However, when we consider the benefits that the rural fellow receives from the fraternity, what aid it bestows upon the city youth, what assistance it renders men during college life and what great aims it accomplishes for young men in the development of their social make-up we can not but draw the conclusion that fraternities are worth while.

C. E. Lowey, Zeta.

Who Shall They Be?

GREAT deal has already been said in the SMIELD AND DIAMOND concerning the proper material for fraternity selection. But realizing the importance of this subject, especially regarding fit material in the make-up of a sound and well-grounded II K A chapter, I think too much can not be said along these lines. Therefore, I have deemed it wise to give expression to the thoughts and sentiments of the Georgia IIs on this matter.

Not infrequently do men from our own locality, our own preparatory schools, and of our own acquaintance enter our colleges. Wherever and whenever this is the case the recommendations of the already-made IIs should have great weight with those who are less informed as to the real worth of character and reputation of the proposed members. However, no matter how anxious we may be to have our old associates and friends partake of our joys and share in our griefs in college fraternal life, we should exercise the highest degree of care and consideration before permitting ourselves to exercise this great privilege—that of practically determining who shall be the ones in whom other members shall confide as brothers. It seems to me that too much importance can not be attached to this question.

But now comes the more difficult proposition, the proposition of ascertaining a man's worth by contact, association in the daily routine of college life. Every year scores of good men of whose value we know nothing enter our colleges and universities, and our only means of determining their personal worth is by imperfect inquiry and personal contact, and this question presents no little difficulty. Here again the greatest care, diligence, and discretion should be exercised. I am numbered among those who believe that one of the chief characteristics of all loyal, patriotic IIs is to cultivate a true spirit of friendship

among those who are just entering upon the duties of a college life. This friendship should not be cultivated merely and solely as a means of ascertaining whether or not they are worthy to partake of our sweets, but the friendship should be continued throughout college life. Its should, and I believe Its do more than any other fraternity, show a spirit of friendly relation to those who are so unfortunate as not to see it is to their interest to form new links in our chain of relationship; as well as to those who, being less fortunate, are not considered worthy of the name of brother in our ranks. In most cases where nothing is known of the men it is not an unwise policy to wait at least until the men are in college one year before they are allowed to become one of our number.

This world is full of "four-flushers," and many of those who come to enter Freshman and Sophomore classes are no exceptions. They will walk the campus with you and carry you to the soda fount and pool room telling you what they have done and how they did it. They will tell you how many plantations their father owns, and how many bales of cotton he makes, etc. They will tell you about the size of their city, etc. This reminds me of an incident which happened in one of our American possessions. A lady from New York City, on being asked where she was from, very promptly and curtly replied, "Can't you tell where I am from?" Now it seems to me to be unwise to make a II (if the impossible could be performed) out of one of this disposition, at least until his contact with others at the club house or dormitory and his Freshman and Sophomore banqueting have taught him that there are other places besides his home.

Nor do creased pantaloons, polished shoes, or pin money conform to the requisites of a Π ; rather to the contrary, they are often the means of leading young men into a life of dissipation. Then let us "sit steady in the boat" and

steer clear of alluring snares that so often beset our pathway.

What we want is men of character, men of thought, men of integrity, stability, and assiduity; whether they come from behind the "jar-head" on the hillside or from the governor's mansion. Men endowed with these characteristics are the leaders in college, admired and extolled at home, and sought after in the councils of our country.

WM. T. TOWNSEND, Alpha-Mu.



Conduct of Business Meetings

THAT the fraternity offers a splendid field for development along the varied lines of literary work is an indisputable fact.

The opportunity to cultivate an effective style of speaking presents itself at every business meeting. We know that every meeting from the lowest type to the highest is conducted according to some system of procedure. The system most universally employed is Robert's Rules of Order. It is the duty of the presiding officer to enforce these rules and to do so he must have an intimate knowledge of what they are. A duty by which he should surely profit. It is not necessary to make an extended study of these rules but strict attention to the principal ones will be sufficient to conduct the meeting. The presiding officer who is well acquainted with his duty toward keeping order holds the respect of his audience.

In every business meeting there are members who are content to remain seated during important discussions fearing to rise lest they become embarrassed. It is well to know that any person whether or not he is endowed with oratory can make a presentable figure on the floor if he rises knowing exactly what he wants to say.

It is not the magnitude of the audience that makes the

speaker. He must have something to say and have an interest in his subject. If he has the tact to say this briefly and brightly and to stop when he has said it, he has accomplished much. Nothing is more helpful to one who desires to speak than to practice making his statements in a clear and concise manner. Practice this art in your meetings. This is a valuable asset in that it is acquired only by great effort on the part of the owner.

The benefits derived from the continual practice at these meetings will follow you all through life. It is not necessary that you ever become eloquent. A meeting of stockholders or a business meeting is not swayed by flames of oratory. What these members respect most is the mind of the man who is favored with the gift of making his statements clearly and forcibly.

Assuming then that you are a regular attendant at these meetings put into practice the advantages of literary training offered you there. If you are an officer act your part with the dignity that you are due the assembly. If you are the audience when subjects for discussion arise, present your opinion of the matter. Remember that what you are now, corresponds pretty well to what you will be in the future. The more interest that you show now will make you a more loyal member afterwards. In other words the more you contribute the greater will be the harvest.

Roy C. Goodwin, Alpha-Zeta.



Wearing the Pin

I HAVE a friend who will not wear his fraternity pin on his coat or in any conspicuous place and gives as his reason that he does not wish to advertise his fraternity in that way. I know another very prominent fraternity man who wears his pin on the lapel of his coat and thinks it

unpardonable for a man not to wear his pin where everyone can see it. Now this difference of opinion between these two prominent men naturally leads us to ask the question: "Where and when should the pin be worn?"

But before attempting to answer this question it would be a good thing to say a few words concerning the deplorable fact that so many of us do not wear the pin at all. Why is this? It is not that we are in any way ashamed of our fraternity, no indeed, he isn't a II K A who is ashamed to wear the pin. Then perhaps, we may say that we are unable to buy a pin (in using term "pin" we mean any wearable emblem of the fraternity). But this is not a sufficient reason why we should not wear it for while we may not be able to buy a costly pin, there are so many pretty pins that cost so little, and that display the true emblems of the fraternity as well as the more expensive ones. So that this as a reason can also be tabooed. The main reason for so many of us not wearing the pin is just negligence pure and simple. Let us be more careful and thoughtful and realize how important it is that every member of the fraternity wear a pin. For how else are we to distinguish the men of different fraternities from each other and from non-fraternity men, and how-this is the biggest "how"-are we to find out if some stranger, whom we meet, is a man of our own fraternity, with the least trouble and embarrassment? How, by all of us wearing the pin of course. This should apply to the alumni as well as to the active members. For the alumni mean a great deal to the fraternity, we might truthfully say they are the backbone of the fraternity, and in proportion as they are interested and work for the fraternity, in that proportion does the fraternity grow. Our alumni have done and are doing great things for the fraternity but in failing to wear the pin at all times they are, it seems, at fault as well as the rest of us. Isn't it a fact that more of our alumni wear Mason. Elk or some other such pin more than their fraternity pins? We refuse to believe that it is because these other orders or societies are dearer to them than their fraternity.

Where, that is, on what part of the clothing, should we wear the pin? It should be worn in plain view, but it seems that the lapel of the coat is not quite the proper place. There is no especial objection to wearing it on the breast pocket of the coat, especially when traveling, when one is likely to meet up with fraternity brothers. But for everyday wear around college the best place seems to be on the vest or shirt, capable of being seen without any slightest effort.

But, the particular position is not so important if we would only wear the pin.

S. B. STORM, Eta.

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The Real Fraternity Man

IN writing on this subject we realize that the judgment passed on a man varies with each individual chapter. We also know that the standard held by one chapter is sometimes higher and sometimes lower than that of others. But what we desire to do is merely to point out in some way what should be the common standard for every chapter.

Some chapters being governed by a time regulation and others having none at all, the first question naturally to arise is how can we judge a man when we have so little time to judge him in? This can be done in various ways. Close conversation and intimate association is one of the best methods. If we are to find out his true worth, by all means this should be done first. Association and conversation are the best and surest ways of getting to the inner chamber of one's secret palace. And by a clear study of human nature any one can use the skeleton key of conversation to gain admittance into the secret or real domain

of his character. Take the prospective candidate off to some familiar place or go out for a long stroll, and shine your flashlight into his soul at every opportunity and at the same time of every procedure. Not many notes will be necessary before you can form a good judgment of his real worth. If you do not desire to do the testing yourself merely permit him to start most of the conversation. is an old adage that if you give a calf rope enough he will trip himself, thus it is with individuals. It is true that some boys have certain lines of thought upon which they can talk very fluently and lead one off into their little channel of thinking, yet those set rules will not work every time. You can fool part of the people a part of the time, but not all the people all the time. If you can not succeed by individual association and conversation let the boys go in small groups and by this means and that means it is very easy in a short time to know the true worth of a man.

But after we have found out the character of the manare we to take him into our bonds merely for his morality? I would rather say no, if morality alone is to be the test. Morality has its place and a high one. We believe that it should hold the foremost place, but morality alone does not make a fraternity man. We have been in college long enough to observe that the man who is moral is by no means every time the man we are looking for. There have come under my observation while in college students who were morally good, excellent conversationalists and wealthy. Yet there was something in those students that told me they would not do for a fraternity. There was something in their personality that did not appeal to us. A sensation of non-association seems to exist between us. While on the other hand we have seen students whose very personality was attractive, though they were not handsome or wealthy. There was something back of those eyes and back of that face which reflected itself thereon admirably.

Then too there is the boy who stands well in college duties but does not care to enter into society. It is well to have a few such men in a chapter to serve as a check on the others. This is why we have an upper and lower house at Washington. It is very needful. But of too many of either extreme we would say beware. If there be two such factions in a chapter it is the better off, for both of these are right within themselves. Men of this type should be taken in with painstaking care lest the scale of balance be lowered on the wrong side. If the chapter think that the prospective man would be an aid to her and she to him then it might pay, otherwise it would not.

Another element quite different from the preceding ones in taking in any man is, is he liked by all and can he be fraternized? If not let him by no means enter into the now beloved circle. One man should never desire others to sacrifice for his sake. Let each one be broad enough to comprehend the real good in every man brought up for discussion. Let harmony, unity and love ever dwell in every chapter.

Too many chapters are taking in men because they have money and no sound element is to be found. This is why so many chapters are so inactive. They are depending upon dead material. A chapter has a nobler purpose than merely to succeed financially. This should ever be a secondary object. Our noble founders did not have such a vision ahead of them, but were looking forward to a noble manhood, which is existing to-day. It should be the duty of every chapter to sustain her portion of this responsibility. For any chapter to make the progress that she should make, she must have more positive factors within her walls than negative ones. A negative chapter is dead; a positive chapter is a live one. One is advancing: the other slowly perhaps but surely retrograding. In electroplating we must have a sufficient amount of silver or gold to cover the object to be plated but at the same time

we must have a good basic metal to work upon. Thus it is with fraternity life. The old members are to electroplate, so to speak, the new men. If there be not enough new material so that when the object shall have become plated both will be equal, it behooves us to be careful indeed as to the men we introduce into our mystic circles.

The whole rounded man is the man for the fraternity. One who is not merely developing one side of his nature, but is developing the triune man. Place one warped plank upon the side of a beautiful house and you mar the beauty and symmetry of the whole. One weak link in a chain will destroy its utility. Since fate would have each chapter to be small in number, the more important it is that we choose the very best of material. Would we think of setting sail in a vessel which we thought to be constructed of poor material? Just in such light is every chapter viewed by outsiders. Our great steamers are built in sections in such manner that should a leak be sprung it will not affect the whole ship. So in every chapter every department must be of good material from the first so that there will be no danger of springing a leak. Let no chapter initiate a man who has been weighed in the balance and found wanting by the weights given in our beautiful ritual. If you would have a prosperous and progressive chapter, one which is to stand as a monument to good, initiate no man except he be of royal manhood. You can not have your criterion too high. Have a standard to attain and get men that will measure up to its conditions. Men of sterling quality are the only men II K A should allow to enter her sacred portals.

G. M. WATSON.

The "Sticking" Kind

IN considering the good and bad qualities of fraternity material, we should let the length of time in which the man intends remaining in college have some weight in our considerations and discussions for various reasons.

It is natural to suppose that the active member worthy of wearing the fraternity pin, who remains in college through his senior year is of more service and benefit to his fraternity than the one who remains, probably one or two terms only.

If he is properly trained after initiation; he will have the opportunity to become thoroughly acquainted with fraternity problems and thus maintain the good record of his chapter and make for it a reputation worthy of the esteem and respect of faculty and the student body.

He will have the advantage of a fraternity education, of becoming more capable of dealing with the affairs which concern his fraternity, and of becoming more experienced with the everyday propositions which confront the fraternity man.

The "short stayer" will enter college in the fall term and is taken in by a fraternity; he has no definite object in view; no particular aim or ambition—at the lapse of one or two terms he becomes dissatisfied with college life and leaves.

After this his spirit and love for his fraternity gradually dies away; he soon forgets his beloved fraternity and the fond recollections of the past fade away and leave him one of the "lost" alumni.

While the fraternity man who completes his course at college leaves with the love and inspiration which his chapter has developed within him and his interest never lags and there is always a desire to see the standard of his fraternity on the highest possible plane.

This is the man who seeks to make his fraternity an

ideal one, and this is the man who is ever ready to devote his time and interest to the upbuilding and welfare of his fraternity, and last of all this is the man who makes the ideal alumnus.

Julian Ellison, Psi.



What An Alumnus Should Do for His Chapter

SHOULD a man on becoming an alumnus consider that his duty to the fraternity is over? The answer to his duty to the fraternity is over? The answer to this question is emphatically, no. Yet, although it is very sad I fear that in many cases this is true. On leaving college many of us seem to think that the sacred vows which bound us together while in the chapter, have lost their grip, and that we no longer need keep in touch with our Alma Mater. After having been out of college for several years, we feel a hesitancy in returning, for as we say, "so many changes have taken place, there are none of the fellows left whom I used to know and who were in the chapter with Brothers, do not think because you don't know any of the fellows in the chapter that you will not be welcomed back to your college, for are you not bound by the same pledges as they? and have you not a common interest at heart, namely, the welfare of Pi Kappa Alpha?

The alumni of Pi Kappa Alpha are, it seems to me, in a state of lethargy, a condition much to be deplored. Now is it the fault of the alumni or of the active men? I think both are to blame. The alumni for not keeping more in touch with the chapter from which they come, and the active men for not keeping in touch with the alumni. The alumni think that whenever they receive letters from the chapters it is a request for financial aid, and I fear that this is too often the case. But brothers, why not institute a method of keeping up with the happenings at your chapter? This could be easily done by letters or by occasional visits.

It is the duty of every alumnus to let his chapter know of any "fraternity material" of whom he might know, who is thinking of entering college. From over one hundred alumni, Gamma at the opening of college in the fall of 1908 received not a single bit of advice concerning a man.

It would make it so much easier to pledge a man if the members of the chapter could satisfy themselves that the man in question was all right. This could be done simply by a line or two from an alumnus. Another thing, as many alumni as possibly, should be back during rushing season, it is then that they are needed most. When a man enters college and is asked by several fraternities, to join them, he usually considers very carefully the men who ask him, and if such men as Pi Kappa Alpha has on her list of alumni were there and doing their duty, there would be no necessity for I K A to ever lose a man.

Now, brothers, let me urge you to be no longer counted among the list of inactive alumni. Resolve to keep in touch with the chapter under whose protection you lived while at college, cherish the memories of those happy days spent in the company of a band of generous and sympathetic men. Deem it a privilege and a pleasure to render assistance, however small, to your fraternity. Join hands with the active members and carry the banner of "Garnet and Gold" to those imperial heights from which you may fear no assault.

BLAKE TYLER NEWTON, Gamma.

In Memoriam

MARTIN CAVITT CAUFIELD, Theta

WHEREAS, We have learned with sorrow of the recent death of our beloved brother in II K A, Martin Cavitt Caufield, and

WHEREAS, We desire to express our heartfelt sympathy

to the bereaved family, and also to the fraternity at large for the loss of so true and noble a character, be it therefore

Resolved, That we, the members of Theta Chapter, Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity do bow submissively to the Divine Will, and mourn the loss of our brother; be it also

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in their great grief; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, and that they be published in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND and inscribed in the minutes of Theta chapter.

W. H. ROTHBOCK, G. F. McLeod, A. Stokes, Committee Theta Chapter.

THOMAS GUY HANCOCK, Alpha-Eta

WHEREAS, We have learned with sorrow of the recent death of Brother Thomas Guy Hancock, a well-loved and zealous member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, and desiring to give expression to our estimate of his character, and our sense of the great loss sustained by his relatives and friends, as well as by our fraternity, therefore be it

Resolved, (1), That the deceased was always loyal to the interests of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, and stood high in the estimate of those who remain to honor and mourn him

- (2), That we extend to his stricken family the assurance of our most sincere sympathy in the loss which falls so heavily upon his many friends, but far more heavily upon them, and we commend to them the faith that made beautiful and strong the character of our lost brother.
- (3), That a copy of these resolutions be published in the next number of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and that a

copy of the resolutions be sent to our deceased brother's family, and also that the resolutions be given a record in the minutes of our chapter.

ALPHA-ETA CHAPTER,
PI, KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY.

WILLIAM AYLETTE BUCKNER, Alpha-Gamma

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted and ordered to be spread upon the minutes at a meeting of Alpha Gamma, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity;

WHEREAS, God in his wise providence, has removed from our midst and taken to his heavenly home our Brother William Aylette Buckner, and

WHEREAS, Brother Buckner was a charter member of Alpha Gamma, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Brother Buckner our chapter has lost one of its brightest lights, and a beloved alumnus, and the fraternity at large a brother to whom it can always point with pride; and

Resolved, That while submitting humbly to the will of God, we grieve, but feel that he is happy in the Great Fraternity Halls of Eternity.

Resolved, That we join our greatest sympathy to those he loved, and ask Heaven to give them its comfort.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and published in the Shield and Diamond and in Tensas Gazette and that a copy be sent to the family of our deceased brother.

T. M. WADE, JR.,

W. A. HEARD.

F. B. BEALL,

R. G. TILLERY.

Committee.

MOTHER OF JULIUS HENDRICK ALPHIN

ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER, University of Arkansas.

Whereas, God, in His infinite wisdom, has called from her sphere of usefulness in this life, the beloved mother of our dear brother, Julius Hendrick Alphin; be it therefore

Resolved, That we, the members of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity of the University of Arkansas do bow submissively before the Divine will and mourn with our brother in his great loss; be it also

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved family our most heartfelt sympathy in their great loss, and that we ask God to give them grace to bow before His Will; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the grief-stricken family, that the resolutions be published in the SHIELD AND DIAMOND and spread on the minutes of the Alpha Zeta Chapter.

LYNNE GOODWIN, CHARLIE SAMPLE, IVOR GOUGH.

Committee.

Chapter Letters

Alpha

University of Virginia

Alpha's correspondent sets himself to his task with no small degree of reluctance, for to be in the position of one who has to write something with nothing to say is uncomfortable, to say the least.

Since our last letter we have been going through what is perhaps, the busiest season of the year, having little to do but prepare for trying and frequent examinations in the various departments. Now, however, the beginning of spring has come and already life is becoming more worth the living. Our baseball season has just begun, with bright prospects, and numerous other activities are claiming our attention, so in our next letter we will have more of interest to tell.

By the time this has appeared the convention will have become a part of our history. May it be the greatest in every respect that Pi Kappa Alpha has ever had.

OSCAR L. SHEWMAKE.



Beta

Davidson College

Since our last letter we have not been idle, and, as the request of our labor take great pleasure in introducing to all the fellows three new men. They are: Isaac Stuart McElray, of Columbus, Ga.; Quay Donavan Williford, Sumter, S. C., and Hal Reid Boswell, Penfield, Ga., all members of the class of '12.

Junior speaking, which has always been recognized as one of the greatest social events of the year, was held during the last week of February. This occasion was marked by an unusually large and attractive number of visitors. "The Ladies" were here from far and near and Beta did her best towards entertaining them. On the last night of the speaking, we gave an informal reception to all of our friends. This was a very enjoyable affair.

Junior speaking is the next important event: it will be held on the fifteenth of April. This date will prevent one or two of our number from attending the convention in New Orleans, in which we are all very much interested. The baseball season has opened up with very bright prospects for Davidson. Under the efficient training of Coach Everett, a very fast and snappy team has been developed. We stand a fine chance of winning State championship. Two games have already been played: one with Lenoir College and the other with Raiford Institute. Davidson won both easily. Our chapter will probably be represented on the varsity by Boswell, Mattison and Dodge, R. D. are also showing up well. All friends of Davidson will doubtless be interested in hearing that work has already begun on a new dormitory, which will be called Georgia Hall when completed. A handsome library will also be built before the opening of another collegiate year. The secretary of the General Education Board of New York, has been on here recently and report has it that Davidson will soon be the recipient of a handsome appropriation from that source.

We were all delighted a few days ago by visits from Brothers Beall and "Boa" King, '06. Brother King, who is now a student of Richmond Theological Seminary, delivered an interesting address before the Y. M. C. A. He spent several days with us.

We regret very much to announce that Brother Beaty

has withdrawn from college. He is now working with his father in Greenville, S. C.

Whenever convenient, we would be very glad to have any Is stop over with us. We can assure them of a very hearty welcome.

Beta sends best wishes to all.

J. W. Todd, Jr.

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Gamma

William and Mary College

We introduce to the fraternity B. A. Garth, of Albemarle county, our recent initiate and a candidate for baseball honors, and from present showing, stands an excellent chance of making first team. F. E. Garth, as usual, has taken his place as one of the bulwarks of the team. This year, however, he has changed from second base, and will handle the mitt. Garth was elected captain of the basketball team in February, thus adding one more to his long list of athletic honors.

It is with a feeling of genuine regret that we note the withdrawal from college of Payne, Dirickson and Newcomb. All three were genial, popular men, and we miss them greatly. Our membership now is but seven, but though we are small in numbers, Gamma is anything but small in other respects. Out of the seven members, six are rooming in our fraternity house. Thorough congeniality exists, and the fraternity spirit is nearer the ideal state than the writer has ever seen it. Our regular meeting is held once a week, but scarcely a day passes that there is not in reality a full meeting.

Our Intermediate examinations have recently been held at William and Mary, and it is with a great deal of pleasure that we note the advancement of all Gamma's men in scholarship over our standing of last year. This is a quiet period in "Ye ancient little capital." February examinations and the scare attending them are forgotten, and final examinations are too far off in the misty future to be thought of seriously. Therefore, the students are now leading an easy life, daring now to taste of the forbidden fruits.

But though everything has been quiet in college life, a great revolution has taken place at old William and Mary. The faculty, realizing the gulf that has existed between faculty and students for the past few years, have done all in their power to obliterate it. Monthly college hours, when student and professor meet together to discuss affairs surrounding student life, have been established. In addition to this, the faculty has headed a body of earnest men in an effort to put athletics on a better footing. As a result of their work, an entirely new system for the government of athletics has been worked out. By the aid of Mr. Archibald Cary, of Richmond, an enthusiastic alumnus of William and Mary, the new athletic field has been completed, fenced in, and a large grandstand erected.

As this letter goes to press, William and Mary is on the eve of an inter-collegiate debate with Hampden-Sidney College.

Ere this number of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND comes out, representatives of the entire fraternity will have met in convention in New Orleans. We heartily congratulate those men who are fortunate enough to be able to attend, and Gamma will send through her representative her message of fraternal love to her sister chapters.

J. H. BRENT.

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Delta

Southern University

Delta is still pursuing, still achieving and our achievements are very encouraging. We have added to our roll the name of J. E. Allen.

We are looking forward with regret to the loss of Delta's best men, R. P. Cochran, and V. M. Shamburger will graduate in June; these men have done hard work in advancing the ideals of our fraternity. In these worthy efforts they have been in a vast degree successful, for at present our fraternity is one of the best in college.

The only hope that remains for us is that the work of the new men will equal the work of these two loyal brothers.

Prospects for a good baseball team are bright, there are several who are expected to do wonders on the diamond.

Several of last year's team are back again, and the new material is promising. Delta hopes to be represented by a swift outfielder.

Our men are very enthusiastic over the idea of spending a week on the river in August. We realize that it will be quite an undertaking to assemble the brothers at this time, but we think that it can be accomplished and are sure that it will be the greatest occasion in the history of Delta.

Foremost in the minds of our brothers at the present, is the convention. We certainly hope that it will be the most enjoyable and beneficial in the history of the fraternity.

It is a matter of vital importance that every chapter have as large delegation as possible and that every delegate present derive as much benefit as possible in order that they may return to their respective chapters with spirits that are bound to promote the interest of II K A.

Let's be up and doing and ever striving to lift the standard of our beloved fraternity nearer its ideals.

With best wishes,

CARLTON PREER

Zeta

University of Tennessee

We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large William L. McAllister, of Chattanooga, Tenn. He has already won a place as catcher, on the "Varsity" baseball team.

The chapter, with the loyal brothers of alumnus Chapter Iota enjoyed a very interesting banquet, March 26. There were thirty-five brothers present among whom was Brother J. Pike Powers, who acted as toast-master. Many interesting toasts were tendered by the brothers, taking the fraternity up in all its relations.

Zeta is contemplating giving a dance in the latter part of May and we are looking forward to a most enjoyable evening.

Brother Johnson has recently been elected president of the University German Club. This reflects much credit upon the chapter as this is one of the highest social honors to be obtained in college life here.

Brother Bill Briscoe, Pi Chapter, will entertain the members of Zeta Chapter at his home, April 2. Brother Briscoe is one of the most loyal Is in the fraternity. He reorganized Zeta Chapter at one time and has always been an earnest worker for the fraternity.

On account of sickness, Brother Kirk is compelled to drop out of school for this term. He, however, will return next fall. Every member of Zeta extends their deepest sympathy to Brother Kirk.

Zeta sends her best wishes to all her sister chapters and hopes that her representative, Brother Johnson, may meet the respective representatives at the convention at New Orleans.

R. C. Branch.

Eta

Tulane University

Eta's roll has again been increased by two: J. Norman Wilson and W. J. Butts. We are glad to be able to introduce to all chapters of Pi Kappa Alpha these two new brothers. These two men are both of the Freshman class.

The Tulane-Newcomb Glee Club's annual concert which came off on the evening of Saturday, March 20, was a big success. Tulane is said to have one of the best quartets in the South. Newcomb also did her share to make the event successful.

The students are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the coming event of the season: "Tulane Night" at the Tulane Theatre. It is on this night that the dignified professors and the students of Tulane and Newcomb join their efforts to try and make every one have a good time.

Outside of these few happenings there is nothing new around college, except athletics. Baseball and track is all one hears discussed. In this line everything looks bright for Pi Kappa Alpha. She expects to be well represented in both, as a large per cent. of her Eta brothers are good all-around athletes. Tennis has once more become an active sport around college.

After some time of planning we can at last announce to you that everything is ready for the convention. We can guarantee you one of the best times of your life if you come down—yes, down to the New Orleans convention. We hope to see our sister chapters represented down here by large delegations.

PIERRE J. DELBERT.

Theta

Southwestern Presbyterian University

Our second term work, ended by the March examinations, has been made an event in history and we are now on the home-stretch. All of our brothers feel safe in saying that not one of us went below the limit in these difficult tests. Every eye is now turned to baseball and the practice for the team was begun some time since. We expect to have a strong team this year and Theta hopes to contribute three to make up her share of the team. Rothrock will be catcher; and Armistead is the fastest fielder in school, so there is no doubt of his place; but Stokes is having a contestant for his old place at first. Both men are showing up well, and it is hard to say which will get the place.

Out of three places to be filled in the contest for Faculty Orator, Theta is represented in two, Taffe and Miller being the Ciceros of our chapter. Five of the twelve graduates for this year are Theta men, Rothrock being president of the class.

Brother McQueen, who lives in New Orleans, has been elected as our representative to the convention. We are expecting to hear great things from "the" convention and from what we have heard, we will not be disappointed.

We have in view prospects for a social. Although we have only had one this year, there is great consolation to be obtained from the fact that our entertainments are quality rather than quantity.

We look forward with great interest to the convention, and hope that as a result all Π_S will be drawn together more closely in the bonds of Φ Φ K A.

E. C. Scott.

Iota

Hampdon-Sidney College

As is almost universally the case, the present season has been one of inactivity, offering few happenings worthy of recording. The interest-holding conflicts of the gridiron, fraught with their hopes and disappointments, are now dim memories of a hazy past. The keen excitement of the diamond, with its uncertainty and charm, has not yet caused the blood to leap forward in our veins. Notwithstanding this dearth of athletic triumphs, we have yet gone forward—each man in his own sphere, quietly paddling his own boat on his own little sea.

The musical clubs have spent this dull time in diligent practice. They are now ready to enter upon their exhibition season. With an excellent and well arranged programme, every indication points to this year as the most successful in the history of the organization. The Dramatic Club made its first appearance of the season on February 19th, in the presentation of "What Happened to Jones." The play was enthusiastically received by an appreciative audience. Its appearances in the future bid fair to meet with an equal success.

The first spring days have brought a return of the old baseball instinct. The indications for a strong team are promising. Though too early for accurate judging, the men are showing up in excellent form. A good pitching staff will doubtless be the strong point of this year's aggregation. Iota has Painter, who seems destined to again preside over the third bag, Atkinson and H. W. Blanton to be numbered among the applicants for the team.

Not long since we had the pleasure of having with us Brother Crockett, who was present at the intermediate celebration. We are always glad to see our old men back. Iota was represented by three of the six orators on that occasion.

And now, with the convention upon us, we are able to think of nothing else. We join in the cry which urges all loyal IIs to press on to New Orleans. Let not distance deter us. Let no circumstance prevent us. In the onward march let us seek the Southern city, determined to fight for the welfare of our beloved order. Let us have fixed and determined ideas and be prepared to express and stand for these on the floor of the convention. Guided by these principles we can not help making this the grandest and most potentially great assembly ever convened in II K A.

W. B. BLANTON.

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Kappa

Transylvania University

Spring is at hand and Kappa is full of sunshine and good cheer. Everything has been moving smoothly and quietly through the winter months, but with the opening of the warm weather things seem to take on a more active and livelier spirit. We regret to say that we are no stronger in numbers since our last letter, but we uphold quality before quantity.

Yet Kappa has been hard at work, always holding her own and carrying things her way.

At a recent election for the manager of the basket-ball team for the season of 1909-'10, Brother Berry was elected to fill this position. A more able man could not have been selected and a successful season is expected under his management.

The baseball season is now in full force and the spirit and enthusiasm of the game is running high. Kappa will have at least two men who will deck the 'varsity team. Berry is holding down second base with ease and is showing up in excellent style. Cord will be among the men in the pitcher's box this year. It is likely that others of the

II's will be on the team before the season is far gone. The season opens April 3rd. Twenty-four games appear on the schedule. An excellent trip has been arranged. The team will go to Tennessee on May 17th, where they play Southwestern Presbyterian University, University of Tennessee and Vanderbilt University.

All eyes and thoughts are now turned toward the convention. Besides our delegate, Meng, it is likely that two or three other members of Kappa will be present. We are anxious that the convention this year will be of such a nature that it will result in the greatest good to the fraternity at large.

With best wishes, ROBERT I. COBB.

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Mu

Presbyterian College of South Carolina

During the last two months a little of almost everything that comes into the life of a college student has happened on our campus. In the first place, on the first of February Brother Neville "won out" in the local contest and will represent this college in the South Carolina Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest, which is composed of the nine male colleges in this State. The contest will be held in Greenwood, S. C., on the 30th of April. Then on the birthday of the Father of our country, Brother Bean, in company with another member of his society, won the inter-society debate, and the trophy cup which has the names of the victorious debaters engraved upon it will be in the keeping of that society until the next debate, one year hence. Each of the three years that this cup has been in existence a member of our fraternity has been on the winning side. These pleasant features were followed by a series of examinations, that came near making us all sick. But we have about recovered from the fall.

The baseball season opens up on the 5th and at present

little else can be heard on the campus except news, both good and bad, concerning our team and the teams of other colleges in the State. Our team did well last year and as the majority of the old players are back again there is no reason why we should not come toward the top of the list. The only man from our chapter that tried out won the place for which he was contesting and the coach says that in a year or two Taylor will make the best third-baseman in the State. Our diamond has been in very poor condition, but during the winter it was plowed up, scraped off and packed down, and now presents a very good appearance.

Brother Bean has been elected our delegate to the convention and will be accompanied by Brother Harrell. Every man in the chapter wishes they could also take this splendid trip.

Brother Sligh enjoyed a few very pleasant days at his home just after examinations.

With very best wishes to all IIs everywhere.

D. W. A. NEVILLE.



Omicron

Richmond College

The college seems to be taking on a new life since spring has come and the second term examinations are all passed—we hope. Naturally at this season, baseball holds the center of interest, and all are hoping that the hoodoo which has been with us now for two years will break away, and that we will land a championship cup once again. Sheppard, who will look after the third corner, and Snead and Chambers, are Omicron's candidates for the team. The early practice has shown that we have a good, fast-fielding team, but the batting has not been what it should, and the strength of our pitchers, Meridith, Clark, Haislip and Gwathenry, is an unknown quantity. If one or two

good strong men can be developed from this quartet, our prospects will be unusually bright.

Omicron chapter attended, in a body, a banquet by Alumnus Alpha of Richmond, at the Jefferson Hotel on March 1st. There were more than fifty Is present and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Rev. T. H. Rice, D.D., of Iota, who is professor at the Theological Seminary in this city, gave a most interesting and instructive talk on "Pi Kappa Alpha and Its Ideals." Other toasts were responded to by Brothers Shepherd, Pi; Atkins, Omicron; Barnes, Gamma; and Lacy, Omicron. Brother James Alston Coone, Alpha, was toast-master, and presided in his characteristically able manner. Every man felt more attached to our fraternity when we left the banquet hall. May many more of these delightful occasions occur.

We extend hearty greetings to every Pi through this letter, and our delegate to the convention.

P. T. ATKINS.



Pi

Washington and Lee University

Since our last letter there has been very little doing outside of the usual course of college activity. With most of us this term is the hardest and consequently the greater part of our time has been devoted to our books.

The weather for the past few weeks has been very favorable for baseball and Coach Brown has had the squad giving them hard work. The first game, with Fishburne, ended in a no-score tie in the tenth inning. The game had to be called before either team was able to score. Stras played first base for W. & L. and made a good showing.

Brother Robertson, alumnus of Omicron, who is practicing law in Buena Vista, Va., was here for a few days the first of the month on professional business.

Brothers Nelson and Watkins, alumni of Pi, attended the fancy dress ball and the Junior prom. in February. We enjoyed having them with us and hope they can come back again soon.

The committee for the final ball has been chosen and on it we find the names of several IIs. This ball is one of the largest social events of the year and this year it promises to be one of the best ever given.

We are sorry to announce that we will lose Brother Stanley A. Beard after the examinations are over. He completes his work in the law department and will go, via convention, to his home in Houston, Texas, where he expects to hang out his shingle. His loss will be greatly felt by Pi and we are sorry to see him go, but we are sure that in him we have turned out a man of whom we can always be proud and one who is destined to a place among the foremost legal lights of the great Southwest.

The convention is being looked forward to by all the members of Pi, although only a few of us will be able to attend we are expecting great things to be done for II K & and we will all enjoy hearing of it even if we were not there to help swell the crowd.

The examinations are now in progress and everybody is looking blue, especially those who are not prepared to "meet the worst." They will be over by April 1st, and we will all feel much relieved even if we have not all passed.

D. B. EARWOOD.



Tau

University of North Carolina

Tau Chapter wishes all of her sister chapters a very pleasant Easter. May they enjoy the festivities at that time to the fullest extent.

We wish to take this means of formally thanking our brothers of Alpha-Epsilon and of Alpha-Alpha for the kind hospitality they have extended to us recently. On the thirtieth of January, Alpha-Epsilon held her annual banquet in Giersch's Café, Raleigh, N. C. Brothers Snider, Cooper and Boushall attended from this chapter. The occasion was most enjoyable, as much on account of the atmosphere of good fellowship as on account of the delicious viands which were served in profusion. Brother Escott, as toast-master, made the visitors feel entirely at home. It was with great reluctance that the party broke up in the "wee sma' hours" of the morning.

Alpha-Alpha entertained at their initiatory banquet on February 6th. Brothers Vann and Philips were the fortunate ones from Tau. They came back on the following day wearing the colors that bespoke much gloating, and smiles that showed Alpha-Alpha understood the art of entertaining.

Our great mid-winter event took place February 19th in the shape of the Junior Promenade. At this time the Junior class was host to the Seniors. On the night preceding the Seniors entertained the Juniors at a reception and in the afternoon preceding the ten fraternities entertained both Juniors and Seniors at a hop. About thirty of the fair fair sex came from all over the State to enliven the occasion. With the ladies and the entertainments, Junior week was one grand success.

In athletics, baseball and track are absorbing all attention. As yet we have played only one game and that an unimportant one. The prospects for a good season seem to be very bright. For the track team several meets have been arranged. The one of chief interest is the intra-state meet to be held on April 19th, in which teams from the various colleges of this State will compete.

Among the officers of the Y. M. C. A. for the ensuing year, chosen recently, II K A is represented by Brother Boushall, who was chosen vice-president.

Interest is being taken in the New Orleans convention and Brother John Mercer has been elected the delegate from Tau. The debaters have been chosen for the contest with the University of Georgia. The contestants for places on the teams which are to oppose Virginia and Tulane are still on the anxious seat. We are expecting all of these teams to be very strong and uphold the wonderful record this university has made in the field of debating. One thing is especially noticeable in these contests now, that is the increasing number of fraternity men who enter them. It is to be hoped that more and more will Greek-letter men be prominent in this important phase of college life.

JOHN H. BOUSHALL.



Upsilon

Alabama Polytechnic Institute

The strenuous examination period is just over at Auburn. We lay down the burden of second term and with greater determination than ever, and start our preparation for final examinations which are less than two months off. We are beginning to feel that the year is far advanced and that before long this college year must go down in history.

Upsilon is an extremely fortunate chapter in being able to have the support of such a lovable character as Mrs. W. D. Varner. Her friendship, we see, not only in association, but it is shown in action. Our chapter hall is much beautified with paintings of her own production. On Saturday, February 12, Mrs. Varner entertained our chapter at her home in Opelika. It was one of the most thoroughly enjoyable occasions that any of us have ever experienced. The home was artistically decorated and in every prominent place appeared the letters II K A.

The basket-ball season is closed but baseball is the promising entertainer for Auburn. Finishing, filling places of honor on our basket-ball team, Upsilon has Parker and Major. In the baseball line, Hall as catcher will easily be a star for Auburn, while Forbes is a most promising outfielder.

We send as representative to the convention, Seymour Hall. If any of you brothers want to meet a hardworking, patriotic fraternity man and at the same time be in "jolly good company" see our representative.

W. C. OLIVER.

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Phi

Rosneke Cellere

Since our last letter Phi has been reduced to four members, Fail and Williams did not return after the Christmas holidays.

So Phi who was weak at the beginning of the year is now in her last throes.

We would like very much to send a delegate to New Orleans, feeling that it will be the last chance for Phi to have a voice in our decisions.

Conditions at Roanoke College are such that we feel it will be unwise to attempt to keep up a chapter here. The chapter has not been a success this year, not because of lack of interest of her members, but because the load was too heavy for the few to carry.

Roanoke has, we think, a winning team this year; she beat Randolph-Macon Academy, eight to nothing and we expect to keep up the good work.

Hoping with all our heart that we may meet you in New Orleans.

J. J. MISENHIMER.

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Chi

University of the South

Sewanee's prospects this year for baseball are exceptionally good and under the careful supervision of Coach-Captain Eisele, a successful season is looked forward to. The schedule is a long, hard one, the team playing such worthy

opponents as Auburn, Tennessee, Georgia, Tech, and Vanderbilt. A number of games will be played on the mountain and any visiting brother will be gladly welcomed by Chi.

Berry has been chosen one of Sewanee's representatives in the annual debate with Vanderbilt. We are all proud of him and feel sure that he will, as heretofore, do justice to himself and his chapter. Coffin has just accepted a position as secretary of the Sewanee Summer School.

The university annual "The Cap and Gown" has gone to press and bids fair to be the best that has yet been gotten out by the fraternities.

Our chapter house and grounds are being put into condition for the summer and when everything contemplated is completed we shall have one of the prettiest places on the campus. The tennis court is being put into condition and gives promise of being one of the best here. Coffin and Ellis are already rounding into form and contemplate entering the tennis tournament.

Your humble scribe has been so fortunate as to be elected delegate to the convention, and we hope it will be the most important in the history of Pi Kappa Alpha.

HENRY J. WHITFIELD.



Psi

North Georgia Agricultural College

We are glad to introduce to the fraternity at large Roy W. Harris, of Dalton, Ga.

We regret very much losing McElroy, who intends entering the business world. He will be missed by all of us. Neal of Alpha-Mu is with us and we extend to him a hearty welcome.

Our prospects of a baseball team are very promising and we are represented by Akers, who will be glad to meet any Rikers on his trips. One of the most important features of field day was the ball game, between faculty and Seniors, which resulted in favor of Seniors. It was enjoyed very much by both student body and citizens of the town.

We regret very much that we can't all attend the convention, but will be represented by Galloway. Psi wishes the convention to be the most successful in our history and all IIs present a most joyous time.

C. E. POWER.



Omega

State University

Convention! New Orleans! Doesn't that sound good? It certainly does to us. Omega joins with the other chapters in saying that this convention is to be the best in the history of the fraternity. Won't there be some true fraternity spirit displayed there that memorable week? Just ask any one to take a peep into that assemblage and he will readily see what good men are graced by our loved badge. This is the way we feel, "Good Fraternity, Good Men, Good Convention" and you all will agree with me.

Our basket-ball team lost the State championship much to our sorrow. It took the last game of the season to decide the real champions as both State and Central were a tie for first place. We met the enemy on our floor and never was there a more fierce game as both teams were neck and neck until the last few minutes when Central drew away, winning by four points.

The weather has become so very mild that the baseball enthusiasts have had an opportunity to try out their "wings" on the field. From all indications we are to have a winning ball team this year as about fifty men are out for practice every day. The first game will be next week and consequently every one is trying hard for a position on the team. In all probability we will be in fine shape when

the inter-collegiate season opens as we have two league teams to practice against each day. The most important game is with Michigan on April 10th and we are exerting every effort to redeem partially the defeat administered to us by them in football. Your humble scribe will likely represent Omega on the team.

The annual "Gym." tournament will take place on April 26 and from all indications we will likely win it as we usually do. Brother Hedges is a member of the team.

The Juniors won the inter-class meet on the 13th. Brother Collins won the mile run which will entitle him to a place on the team that represents the university at Louisville next week.

The college societies are getting busy at present and it is not an uncommon sight to see a group of flashy hatbands gathered in a corner of the campus discussing men. Omega will likely be able to announce the result of these conferences in the next issue.

On February 23rd the Alpha Tau Omega installed a chapter of their fraternity in the university absorbing the local Mu Iota. They have a very good set of men. This makes eight fraternities in the institution at present.

We were glad to have with us for a day, Wright of Omicron. He would not stay long with us and we were sorry, for he left a good impression. Omega extends to him their "sky-blue" during his sojourn in Texas.

Last but not least is the mention of our annual dance which took place on the 29th of January. Kappa and Omega following their annual custom joined hands and the best dance ever given by us took place that night. About two hundred were present and all seemingly enjoyed our hospitality for the night. We feel well paid for our efforts in preparing for the occasion.

W. W. HILLENMEYER.

Alpha-Alpha

Trinity College

Happenings at Trinity, both in college and fraternity circles of late have been by no means uninteresting. Alpha-Alpha held her initiation February 6th, and as a result introduces to the fraternity three men, Gamewell D. Gantt, Shelby, N. C.; James N. Howard, Jr., of Newbern, N. C.; George S. Lee, of Monroe, N. C.

On the night of the initiation the following alumni of Alpha-Alpha were present: Paul Webb, of Morehead City, N. C.; N. S. Green, of Sitlington, N. C.; W. M. Wells, of Elm City, N. C.; J. D. Langston, of Mount Olive, N. C.; Wade Cranford, of Troy, N. C. The two last named brothers are charter members of Alpha-Alpha. John Vann and J. D. Philips, of Tau Chapter and Steadman and Robert Benceni, of Alpha-Epsilon Chapter were also present and their presence was enjoyed. Nothing is more helpful to a fraternity at the time of initiation than the attendance of visiting brothers and alumni who are loyal to their chapter. After the initiatory ceremonies, Alpha-Alpha banqueted the new men and visitors at Café Hawkeyc.

The Trinity College Glee Club gave its last concert of this season in the auditorium of the Southern Conservatory of Music, at Durham, on the night of the twelfth of March. Quite a good house greeted the boys, notwithstanding the fact that the weather was very disagreeable and the concert was thoroughly enjoyed. Alpha-Alpha is ably represented on the glee club by Hanby and Howard.

For several years, Trinity has paid very little attention to field sports. But interest in this phase of college life is being revived, and we hope to have a field day in the near future. While it is rather late to arrange inter-collegiate meets now, we hope to have some interesting class tournaments this year, and next year to get meets with other colleges. Much good material can be developed and

we believe that in a short time this branch of athletics will be very strong.

The eyes of all Trinity students and Durham citizens are now turned towards the baseball team. Coach Adkins has had the boys hard at work since the first of February. and he has developed a good team. Already two practice games have been played with the Philadelphia Nationals: one at Southern Pines, on the thirteenth of March and the other on the home grounds on the nineteenth of March. In the first game the Phillies were victorious by a score of six to nothing, while in the second game they only made one run and Trinity was again unable to go around the bases. The schedule for this year is a fast one, and from the twenty-sixth of March, when we meet Amherst, until the last game of the season, there will be a great amount of amusement, for those who like the national game. Brother R. M. Gantt is the first pitcher this year and he bids fair to equal, if not excel his record of last year, which was nothing short of wonderful, having pitched several no-hit games and one game in which he was faced by only twentyseven men. He has demonstrated his pitching ability in the two games with the big leaguers, in which not an earned run was made.

G. D. Gantt has been chosen as one of the commencement marshals, from the Columbian society.

Great preparations are being made here for the visit of President Eliot, of Harvard. He will arrive in Durham on the twenty-fifth of March, and will be the guest of the trustees of Trinity for three days. He will deliver a lecture before the students on the twenty-fifth, and on the twenty-sixth a banquet will be given in his honor by the trustees and faculty.

Alpha-Alpha is looking forward to the New Orleans convention. We believe this is to be the greatest we have ever had, and feel sure that Pi Kappa Alpha will derive great benefit from it. W. S. Stewart has been chosen as

our delegate, and we learn that several alumni of Alpha-Alpha will also be present at New Orleans.

Quite recently we have had very enjoyable visits from Paul Webb, of Morehead City, N. C.; Pierce Wyche, of Spartanburg, S. C.; Frank and Archie Lee, of Monroe, N. C.

Wishing all convention visitors a merry as well as profitable time, and hoping for those Pis who do not attend this time much success and good luck.

T. B. HARRIS.



Alpha-Gamma

Louisiana State University

We introduce to the fraternity Lamont Seals, Law '10, Homer, La., and E. D. Viguerie, Academic '11, Baldwin, La. Our recent initiates.

Our old struggle for a chapter house has about culminated in success, and we are at last assured. The plans are drawn, the site selected, and the funds provided. Any brothers who may pass this way in the near future to or from the convention, will receive Alpha-Gamma's best.

Just now the interest of the university is divided between the Seniors' frenzied sprint for the tape of graduation, the baseball and track teams, and the Texas-Louisiana debate.

We shall lose some good men, loyal and true Pi Kappa Alphas, by graduation this year. Dutton, Thompson, Lessley, and Perez by way of LL.B's; Beale, Laycock, and Wade by B. A's. However, several of our graduates intend to return for post work, so that while we shall keenly miss those leaving, yet with the prospects of the next year as seen now, the chapter will still stride ahead.

Excepting a scarcity of pitchers, the baseball team under Captain Mary seems to be making good. Brother Thompson is the port side twirler and with "Mary" doing his receiving, makes a formidable battery.

The track team is fairly sure of the meets with our sister University of Mississippi. The debating team to be sent against Texas has not yet been selected, but the lively competition for places assures the Longhorn of "foemen worthy of their steel."

Alpha-Gamma has been saddened by the very recent death of our brother and charter member, William Aylette Buckner. Brother Buckner was ever a loyal and lovable II, and his death in the glory of a young man's strength is very keenly felt by the brothers he leaves.

Best wishes to all IIs, and hope of seeing many at New Orleans.

H. C. WALKER, JR.

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Alpha-Delta

Georgia School of Technology

Probably the most interesting phase of our school life just now is baseball. So far our prospects have been very encouraging, there being a large number of candidates for the team, and several of them being exceptionally good players. McKenzie is trying for the pitching staff, and will probably make good.

Our track team this year, from all indications, will be better than usual. We have secured the services of a coach for this team, thus letting Heisman give more of his attention to baseball.

The editors of the Annual are now busy and promise us an edition that will compare favorably with the best.

Since our last letter, we have had several visiting brothers and alumni in Atlanta, to meet with us. Now the baseball season is almost here, and naturally there will be several brothers on or with the visiting teams. Let me say that we will be indeed glad to see you either on the campus or at our meeting room in 911 Austell Bldg.

We look forward with much interest to the coming convention, feeling assured that the influence of this gathering will be of infinite good to us and to every II.

N. E. ADAMSON, JR.



Alpha-Epsilon

North Carolina A. & M. College

The record term examinations are just over and the students have settled down to work for the final term of the year.

The baseball season has opened at this college and judging from the games already played, our team promises to be one of the best in the South for the coming season. The manager has arranged a fine schedule, including games with many of the large Northern colleges and it is expected that some very fast games will be witnessed on the local diamond this spring.

The track team will occupy a very prominent place in athletics here this season. Several meets, one of which includes every prominent school in the States, have been arranged and a great deal of interest is being manifested in them. Alpha-Epsilon will be represented on the track team by Bradfield.

The General Assembly of this State which convened here a short time ago, appropriated funds for the erection of a new dormitory for this school. This structure which will be a very handsome and costly one will be built this summer and when finished will accommodate about one hundred and seventy students.

Alpha-Epsilon has issued invitations for their annual dance to be held Easter, Monday night. This dance is given complimentary to the other fraternities here and complete arrangements have been made to make it one of the most brilliant social events ever held at this institution. Coming as it does, the first dance after Lent, it is

being looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure by all who expect to attend.

The thoughts of the chapter are now centered on the convention. A great deal of enthusiam is being shown over it and the members feel that it will be the most successful convention ever held by the fraternity. Brother Hill has been selected to represent Alpha-Epsilon at New Orleans.

Bradfield is just back from Charlotte, N. C., where he attended the Y. M. C. A. conference as a delegate from the local organization. While there he had the misfortune to be in a very dangerous automobile accident, but he escaped well, only, a few minor injuries, from which he has now fully recovered.

D. H. HILL, JR.

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Alpha-Zeta

University of Arkansas

We take pleasure in announcing our three initiates, Charles Sample, El Dorado, Ark.; Walter Miles, Childress, Texas and Roy Purcell.

The Junior-Senior class day was a series of pleasant participations that will not be forgotten by these haughty sons of learning for many years to come. The Seniors will not forget the rain sent by Providence to stop the ball game in the fifth inning, and the Juniors will remember that at this decisive moment the score stood one to one, three sacks were full, one man down and a Junior of smashing ability approaching the bat. It has been conceded by many who witnessed the game that the unbroken list of victories for this Senior class of four years was saved its only blemish. The banquet was a magnificent success, though, attended by a terrific rainstorm allowing the cab brigade to swoop down and carry away their prey.

We anticipated a generous appropriation from the State this year but were doomed to disappointment. However, our wants will be satisfied when the next legislature convenes, because they promised.

Brother Earl Shipley, a Sophomore of last year, entered school immediately after the first term examination. His intention to prepare himself for the Junior class of the next year was carried out. He departed March the 4th for Joplin, Missouri, where he goes to accept a position as a draftsman on the proposed interurban line from Joplin to Kansas City. An energetic and sincere member he was.

Brother Mac Thompson of class '07 who has been serving the Lighting company of this city, left us on March the 7th for Panama. His credentials and appointment were secured several months before his departure. To such a boy as Brother Thompson success will surely come.

To Brother Lloyd, who now holds forth at Luna Landing of this State, we wish to offer our most sincere appreciation for the *Manual* of Pi Kappa Alpha donated to us by him. This *Manual* we know to be the result of two years of hard labor.

Foremost in our thoughts, though rarely written down in cold ink and type is the regard we have for our chapter sisters. We are intensely proud of them. They have our cause at heart and like the presence of a strong personality we are continually aware of the influence they weave for us.

Occasionally a member from some other chapter drops in on us. Now this is a pleasure that we wish could be more frequent. And here be it understood that Alpha-Zeta awaits your visit with a ready smile. Should you ever contemplate visiting this university and Fayetteville notify us and an effort will be made to show you that we are your friends.

That convention is here, and we hope it will be the most successful of them all. New Orleans is an ideal city for a gathering place for the Π family.

ROY C. GOODWIN.

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Alpha-Eta

University of Florida

It is with great pleasure that I introduce to the fraternity at large our new brother, W. E. Christian, of McIntosh, Fla., a loyal member of the Sophomore class. We have another man in consideration and hope to introduce him in our next letter.

On account of not having a pitcher, the university has no varsity baseball team. The Freshman and Sophomore classes have crossed bats twice this month. Freshman victorious each time.

We learned of Brother T. G. Hancock's death too late to have mentioned it in our last letter. He was thrown from his horse at his home in Tallahassee. He died after a short illness. Hancock was initiated into this chapter in the fall of 1906. He took a very active part in all college sports, and was captain of the football team of '06.

We are now looking forward to the convention and do sincerely hope it will be as successful as the one at Richmond.

Alpha-Eta sends Brother L. K. Riley, Jr. as its representative.

We extend best wishes to all sister chapters.

E. PECK GREENE.

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Alpha-Iota

Millsaps College

Since our last letter, four good men have been added to Alpha-Iota's roll. It gives us great pleasure to introduce to the fraternity, M. W. Darman, Lexington, Miss.; G. W. Carlisle, El Paso, Tex.; Edwin Jones, Jackson, Miss., and R. W. Wright, Grenada, Miss.

On Friday evening, February 19, we were royally entertained by one of our sisters, Miss Mary Bailey, in honor of her friend Miss Riddick, of Canton, Miss. Delightful refreshments were served and everything seemed to conspire to make the evening a most enjoyable one.

On March 6th, we were the hosts of an informal chafing dish party. Our hall was decorated according to the artistic taste of Miss Moore, Mrs. Flynt and Brother Wright, with old gold, garnet and pennants.

Owing to the culinary ability of the ladies and the promptness of the boys to obey orders, and instructions, some delightful dishes were prepared, and all expressed themselves as having spent a most pleasant evening.

There is not much of interest happening on our campus of late. Every one seems to be leveling down on the homestretch, preparing for final examinations and commencement. Alpha-Iota is to be represented in most of the important features of the commencement program this year.

At a recent preliminary contest, Brother Crisher was appointed by the faculty to represent Millsaps in the Crystal Springs oratorical contest. Crisher is a very able speaker and we are expecting him to bring us a medal.

Athletics are very much on a standstill at Millsaps for the present. Since the conference edict "Thou shalt not play inter-collegiate ball" we have to amuse ourselves with class games and with high-school teams. Brother Stennis as manager is putting forth an effort to keep up an interest in baseball, but class games do not furnish much incentive. We are working hard to have conference remove the restrictions before next season, when we expect to do great things in athletics.

Our spring field day promises to be a very interesting event. A number of prizes are offered and under the effi-

cient coaching of Professor Noble, some fine material is being developed for a track team, etc.

We are expecting great things from the convention. Alpha-Iota expects to have several representatives there and we hope it will be well attended.

With best wishes to all Pi Kaps.

R. J. MULLINS.

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Alpha-Kappa

Missouri School of Mines

Second term finals have come and gone since our last letter and all of Alpha-Kappa's men came through successfully.

The great event of the year, St. Patrick's Day, was duly celebrated by the students.

In the morning the student body paraded the town and then went to the campus where, after the Grand Kow-Tow, the Seniors kissed the Blarney Stone and were made Knights of St. Patrick by the saint in person.

In the afternoon a burlesque field and track meet was held.

The custom of celebrating St. Patrick's Day as a special right of engineering students originated at the University of Missouri, at Columbia where, some eight years ago, a bright student of the engineering department announced that conclusive proof had been discussed that "Erin-gobragh" means "St. Patrick was an engineer." His proof was deemed to be good by the students of the college of engineering and since then St. Patrick has been reverenced as the patron saint of all engineers and each St. Patrick's Day commemorated with fitting ceremonies. The School of Mines as one of the State's engineering colleges which had taken up the custom each year sees more elaborate preparations than the last.

The big event of the day is the knighting of each of the

Seniors, who are given certificates attesting to their membership in "The Ancient Irish Order of The Knight of St. Patrick."

With the new term, Brother Radcliff has returned to school but Brother Heyderker has completed his special course and has left us. His address for the present, will be 150 Park Ave., Waukeyan, Ill.

With the opening of the term, baseball practice has begun in earnest. Brother Owens played left-field in last year's team and is trying for his old position.

The members of the chapter are all out trying for the fraternity team for the games in the Pan Hellenic League. Alpha-Kappa finished second in the league last year and hopes to do better this year.

The school year book "The Rollamo" is almost ready for delivery and the board of editors hope to make it the best ever published by the school. Brother Dunn is assistant editor.

The students gave a minstrel show for the benefit of the "Rollamo." The show was a complete success in every way, Brothers Smith and Owens took part in the performance.

The Seniors in the mining engineering course are now on a week's trip to the various metallurgical plants around St. Louis.

Best wishes to all the IIs.

T. S. DUNN.

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Alpha-Lambda

Georgetown University

As basket-ball season is over, all thoughts are turned to the future baseball team.

The basket-ball team was greatly handicapped by being vaccinated on account of an epidemic of smallpox in our fair city.

We were very ably represented by Bradford and Kenney at forwards, and if the other members of the team had played the game that these two did, we feel sure that we would have done better.

The season closed February 24, with Transylvania University.

Georgetown won this game thirty-nine to twenty-five, but it was the only inter-collegiate game that we won.

We are expecting at least two men on the baseball team, and more on the track team.

Howard is captain of the track team and we are expecting great things under his captaincy.

The Beta-Delta Chapter of Kappa-Alpha Fraternity, entertained us with a smoker Saturday evening, March 13, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

There will be a gymnastic exhibition in the college gym., Thursday, March 18.

We have not exercised our goat since the beginning of school, and we fear that the old fellow will get stiff, but hope to give him a good run next fall.

Best wishes to all IIs.

O. M. MORELAND.

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Alpha-Mu

University of Georgia

Since Alpha-Mu's last letter to the fraternity, many things of interest have happened.

Chief among these, was the marriage of Brother H. C. Smith to Miss Kathleen Hulme, of this city. This wedding was of double interest to all IIs, owing to the fact that not only is the groom one of our brothers, but the bride is also a sister of Brother G. H. Hulme. The wedding took place on February the twenty-fifth, and was attended by Alpha-Mu, in full force, every man in the chapter taking part in it. It was strictly a "II K A wedding," for Miss Hulme has been a faithful and enthusiastic sister.

The basket-ball season is about over and Georgia has finished one of the most successful seasons in her career. She was not defeated by a single college team, and was only overcome by the older and more experienced teams of the Atlanta Athletic Club and Columbus.

Baseball is now the all-absorbing topic and chances for a successful team are bright. There are thirteen possible pitchers and several men out for every other place. Only four of last year's "champions" returned, but the quality of the new material more than makes up for the loss of "those battle-scarred veterans."

The students of the university have enjoyed two honors, "permitted only" to the good and pure in heart, recently in hearing President-elect Taft and President Eliot of Harvard speak. The student body was very favorably impressed with these two truly great men and their addresses were very much enjoyed.

The agricultural hall is now finished. It is the finest building connected with education in the State and one of the finest in the South. Its cost was fifty thousand dollars.

Examinations are over and Alpha-Mu did herself proud. We are pleased to introduce into the ranks of the fraternity, S. J. Smith, of Commerce, Ga. Brother Smith was given a bid some time ago, but, owing to parental objection, did not join until a few nights ago.

Hoping that the convention will be a success and with best wishes to each and every Pi, I am,

CORBIN C. SMALL.



Alumnus Alpha

Richmond, Va.

The forty-first anniversary of the founding of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity was most appropriately celebrated at the Jefferson Hotel, Richmond, Va. on the night of March 1st. On that occasion Alumnus Alpha Chapter held its annual Founder's Day banquet, and we had with us as guest of honor, the Rev. Theron H. Rice, of Theta. Covers were laid for twenty-five and twenty-two members were present. A representative was sent from Gamma Chapter at William and Mary College, and Omicron Chapter at Richmond College attended in a body. The menu cards were very handsome, and the repast was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Brother James Alston Cabell acted as toast-master, and he also gave a very interesting sketch of Alpha Chapter, and the part it has played in the upbuilding of the organization. Rev. Theron H. Rice of the Union Theological Seminary, and a former member of old Theta Chapter, responded to the toast of "Pi Kappa Alpha and Its Ideals." His address was the feature of the evening. He spoke of the value of character as applied to the members of a fraternity, and he also gave a very interesting sketch of old Theta Chapter, located at the Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville, Tenn. This is one of the oldest chapters in the organization, and it has done much for the fraternity. Dr. Rice is a most interesting speaker, and he held up an ideal to which every man should aspire.

The toast of "Pi Kappa Alpha Doctors" was responded to by Dr. W. A. Shepherd, and he made a very interesting address along the line of medical fraternities as compared to the academic fraternities, and the loyalty that they manifest towards their academic fraternity. "The Needs of The Active Chapters" was responded to by P. T. Atkins, of Richmond College and his remarks were closely followed. The "Attitude of the Alumni to the Active Chapters" was responded to by Chiles Barnes of Gamma. The toast of "Alumnus Alpha—Its Past and Its Future" was responded to by Samuel W. Lacy, Omicron and Alumnus Alpha.

The members present were as follows: Brothers James Alston Cabell, Theron H. Rice, Harvey Gill, Carter E.

Talman, W. A. Shepherd, Robert Whittet, Jr., Henry Taylor, Maurice B. Langhorne, Slater Blackiston, A. V. Russell, Robert Stewart, Samuel W. Lacy, of Alumnus Alpha. Chiles Barnes of Gamma, and P. T. Atkins, Denny Wright, Lefew, Nance, Shepherd, McLane Whittet, Chambers, Wilson Taylor, and Brock of Omicron.

SAMUEL W. LACY.

The Pi's

GRAHAM SALE, Welch, W. Va. Editor JAMES N. HUBBARD, Alpha Chapter Assistant Editor

In order to make this department complete and more interesting, each member is earnestly requested to forward promptly to the Editor or Assistant Editor, any item of news concerning a brother member which may come under his notice.

-On February 21, 1909, one of our most loval brothers. Martin Cavitt Caufield, was called to his eternal rest. Brother Caufield had been ill for many years with tuberculosis. Brother Canfield did much active work for the fraternity and was the author of what was known as the "Caufield Plan," a financial plan of reorganizing the fraternity which gave new life in the fraternity and enabled the work to be carried on. The following is a short sketch of our lamented brother: He was the son of H. J. and Martha Caufield and was born in McLennan County. April 27, 1866. His death took place at Miles, Runnels County, Texas. He was educated at the Southwestern Presbyterian University and was initiated into Theta Chapter in 1885, that same year he joined the Presbyterian Church at Clarksville and at his death was a deacon of the Miles Presbyterian Church. In 1890 he married Miss Trudie Ker at Holly Grove, Ark., who with two daughters, survives him. Funeral services were held at First Presbyterian Church, McGregor, Texas, February 23rd, and interment was in the family cemetery at Harris Creek on the same day.

—Thos. G. Hancock, Alpha-Eta, died on January 22, 1909, as a result of his horse falling on him while riding on his plantation near Tallahassee, Fla. This is the first

death in Alpha-Eta and is also particularly sad on account of the tragic cause.

- —Ralph C. Patton, Eta 1907, upon graduation, took a position with the General Electric Company of Schenectady, N. Y., but soon afterward accepted a responsible place with the Electrical Testing Laboratories, 80th Street and East End Avenue, New York. His residence is 51 W. 82nd Street.
- —The following is from the *Evening Times*, Raleigh, N. C., February 1st:

The members of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity in Raleigh and the A. & M. College banqueted last Saturday night at Cafe Giersch with seven courses and much enthusiasm. Messrs. J. H. Boushall, W. M. Snider and B. G. Cowper, Jr., of Chapel Hill, were present as guests. The Raleigh members are Dr. A. W. Knox, Messrs. Franklin McNeill, John A. Park,.....Frasier, James A. Powell, Lawrence Jones and Albert Escott. The A. & M. chapter is composed of Messrs. W. R. Marshall, D. H. Hill, Jr., T. K. Bruner, St. J. L. Springs, J. M. Bradfield, C. A. Stedman, John Knox, Robt. Bencini, Archie Wakefield, Willis Holding and W. E. Blair.

- —The North Carolina Legislature has approved the appointment by Governor Kitchin, of Hon. T. B. Bailey, as director of the State Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro, his term to expire in 1916. Brother Bailey was a charter member in 1869 of Beta Chapter at Davidson.
- —The General Office has received the following invitation to the marriage of our Brother of Beta and extends best wishes and congratulations:

Mrs. Joseph Graham Morrison requests the honour of your presence at the marriage of her daughter Anna Jackson

Mr. Ronald Bonar Wilson
on the evening of Thursday the eleventh of March
nineteen hundred and nine
at half after seven o'clock
First Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina

-Is in North Carolina are interested to note that one

of the speakers at Chapel Hill, commencement week is Rev. Theron H. Rice, D.D., of Theta, who will deliver the sermon before the Young Men's Christian Association. Brother Rice was our first Councellor Princeps as well as the first Grand Chaplain and is now Professor in the Union Theological Seminary at Richmond.

—The following complimentary account of our Brother of Alpha will be read with interest by all IIs:

The G. A. A. has just announced the selection of John H. Neff as Head-Coach of Virginia's football team for the season of 1909. No possible choice could have given more universal satisfaction among the members of the squad as well as the student body. In his four consecutive years of football at the University, "Cap'n" Neff has gained an enviable reputation in all that pertains to football as well as in every sphere of college activity. "Johnny" hails from Harrisonburg, Va., where he learned the rudiments of football at a tender age, in company with "Cowboy" Yancey and other future stars. Entering the U. Va., with only sixteen years to his credit, he did not attempt the strenuous game the first season, being occupied with a B. A. course. After two years in the College, "Johnny" leapt into the lime-light in 1905, with a B. A. degree, the presidency of the Academic Class, and a "V" for football in one year. Since that time the sun of his success has never been clouded.

So we find him at the end of his sixth year at Virginia, twenty-two years of age, a third year "Med.," with an unimpeachable record behind him as a scholar, a gentleman, and an athlete. Only equal to his unqualified success in every other line, is his record on the gridiron. For four years he has played a consistently fast, clean, strong game, both on offence and defence, establishing in that time a wide-spread reputation as a gentlemanly, sportsmanlike, manly man—the highest type of the American athlete. As captain of the team of 1908 he demonstrated those qualities of leadership and power which inspire the implicit confidence of men, and which are so essential to success as a captain or coach.

As a coach—the head coach of the Alumni Coach System—his success is assured. He knows the game straight through, and what is even more important, he possesses the power of cooperation and the confidence of his men. Coupled with these, his clear head, good generalship, and his attractive personality make it certain that he will get the very best results possible from the squad which is to represent Virginia in the football arena next year.

—The menu card for the Founder's Day Banquet, a delightful account of which appears in the chapter letter of this issue, was a beautiful piece of printer's work. On the first page appeared the badge embossed in gold and

garnet, and the inside leaves were held to the cover by a garnet ribbon with old gold tassel. On the first inside page appeared the following:

Founder's Day Banquet
of
Alumnus Alpha Chapter,
Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity,
Jefferson Hotel,
Richmond, Virginia.
March 1, 1909.

The Menu and Toasts were as follows:

MENII

Blue Point Oyster Cocktail. Consomme Princesse. Celery. Olives. Radishes. Individual Planked Shad. Larded Filet of Beef Cheron. Stuffed Tomatoes. Cauliflower Au Gratin Salad D'Hiver Fancy Form of Ice Cream. Assorted Cakes. Toasted Crackers. Roquefort Cheese. Special Coffee. Lion Lithia Water. Cigars. Cigarettes.

TOASTS.

James Alston Cabell, Alpha. Toast-master.

Pi Kappa Alpha and its Ideals, Rev. Theron H. Rice, Iota.

Pi Kappa Alpha Doctors, Dr. W. A. Shepherd, Pi.

The Needs of The Active Chapters, P. T. Atkins, Omicron.

The Traveling Pis, W. G. Tyler, Omicron.

The Attitude of the Alumni to the Active Chapters,
Chiles Barnes, Gamma.

Alumnus Alpha, its Past and its Future, Samuel W. Lacy, Omicron.

—The Atlanta Journal of March 7, 1909, contains the following account in its social column, of Psi's reception:

Psi Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha, at Dahlonega, gave its first annual reception on Saturday night, celebrating the founding of the fraternity.

The chapter rooms were decorated in old gold and garnet.

Progressive heart-dice was played and a salad served. The

reception closed with dancing.

The guests included Miss Louise Glenn, Miss Mary Merritt, Miss Nell Glenn, Miss Frances Stanton, Miss Fannie McGuire, Miss Mary Stanton, Miss Mattle Craig, Miss Carrie Brookshear, Miss Nell Covender, Miss Irene Moore, Miss Edna Glenn, Miss Lillian Glenn, Mr. C. E. Powers, Mr. Julian Ellison, Mr. Cecil Neal, Mr. T. E. Galloway, Mr. E. W. McElroy, Mr. F. H. Harley, Mr. F. H. Henderson, Mr. E. D. Willingham, Mr. L. B. Matthews, Mr. H. D. Harris, Mr. J. A. Hollingsworth, Mr. W. D. Akers, Mr. R. J. Martin, of Kappa chapter, Sigma Nu; Captain and Mrs. F. S. L. Price, Professor J. C. Barnes.

—Zeta gave a beautiful banquet on March 26, 1909, at the "Stratford," at Knoxville, there being 30 present. The menu and toast card was most elaborate. In big gold letters on the back of a garnet cover appeared the name of the chapter and II K A. The last inside page was ruled for autographs and the menu and toasts were printed on the inside pages, which were attached to the cover by an old gold ribbon and were as follows:

MENTI

Cognac

Blue Point Cocktail
Queen Olives Salted Almonds

Salted Almonds Celery Hearts Green Turtle Soup

Filet of Bass, Honfleur

Sliced Tomatoes, French Dressing Potatoes Duchesse Roast Young Turkey, Cranberry Sauce

> Mushrooms in Cases Frozen Egg-nog

Broiled Squab on Toast

Potatoes Gaufrettes French Peas

Waldorf Salad Champagne, Mumm's Extra

Rameses Cigarettes

Fraternity Ice

Lady Fingers

Macaroons Peppermint Wafers
Roquefort Cheese Swiss Cheese Toasted Wafers

Demi-tasse Cigars

TOAST LIST.

J. K. Powers, Jr., Toast-master

"We are ane in our joys, our affections an' a', Come, gi'e me your hand,—we are brethren a'"

R. Nicoll.

Zeta in the Nineties, Mr. William K. Hunter "O, call back yesterday, bid time return."

Shakespeare.

"O, Friendship, flavor of flowers! Zeta of To-day, . . O, lively sprite of life! O, sacred bond of blissful peace.—" Grimoald. The Pi Out of College, Dr. W. H. Landon White "For friendship, of itself a holy tie, Is made more sacred by adversity." Dryden. The Chapter in College Life, Prof. James D. Hoskins "Good name in man or woman, dear my lord, Is the immediate jewel of their souls." Shakespeare. . William M. Cox. Esq. Alumnus-Iota and Zeta. . . "We held the league of heart to heart The only purpose of the earth" R. Hovey. Our Baby Pi. . . . Mr. William L. McAllister "The heart can ne'er a transport know

That never feels a pain."

Lord Lyttelton.

Fraternity World and Exchanges

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The following article, by Professor Eugene McDermott, of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity, is a most comprehensive presentation of a subject that is of vital interest to college fraternity men throughout the country:

The college fraternity has had three pretty distinct periods of existence and its meeting place during each of these periods has been a fair index to the status of the organization.

The first period was marked by profound secrecy on the part of the fraternity, and bitter opposition on the part of the faculty and the public. The meeting place was a student's room; not infrequently it was a protected nook in the woods, or more often a cellar under some dormitory, reached through a trap-door in the floor of a devoted member's room. The badge or insignia, when worn at all, was pinned to the inside of the vest pocket and every evidence of membership was sacredly guarded because knowledge of this fact was sure to result in expulsion or some other form of severe discipline. Every act of the fraternity was shrouded in mystery—a most alluring characteristic to the college youth, and most horrifying to the faculty and public.

Under such circumstances a half dozen of the older fraternities were born and maintained a precarious existence between the years 1827 and 1882. Hampered in this way they could do little more than live. But, as opposition always strengthens the ties of those opposed, some of the truest college friendships were formed during this period, and a foundation was laid for better things.

The brilliant, aggressive, intrepid young men of those days were naturally drawn to the fraternity because of the very spice of adventure. Later, many of these same men became members of college faculties. They knew the fraternity from the inside and saw no special harm in it. They had drawn its constitution and by-laws, which for the most part breathed devotion

to lofty sentiments and high ideals. Naturally enough, the hostility of the faculty, when it was re-inforced by a sprinkling of these men, began to relax and the fraternity passed into its second stage of existence—toleration.

During this period a room was frequently hired over a downtown store. This was the meeting place. Some of the earliest "chapter halls" were erected at this time. Architecturally they are peculiar buildings and resemble jails or arsenals quite as much as dwellings. The double purpose of admitting light and preventing eaves-dropping—for the secrets of the fraternity were still supposed to be worth knowing—was accomplished by placing windows very high on the side walls or even on the roof.

The pin, or insignia, came out of its hiding place in the pocket. Finally the advantage of closer association among the members was recognized and the relative unimportance of the secrets admitted—at least tacitly. Then it was that the fraternity entered upon the third and present stage of its development. It bought or rented a dwelling house, frequently installed the entire under-graduate membership therein, and began the regular family life that has characterized it for the past quarter of a century. It is as private but scarcely more secret than any other family. It is with this third period, the chapter house as a home, that this paper is chiefly concerned.

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Has this home life—which has undoubtedly come to stay—been beneficial or harmful to the fraternity as a whole and to its individual members? Let us see. To gather facts for an intelligent answer to this question a circular letter was addressed to members of eleven different fraternities, and to the presidents, deans and registrars of numerous leading universities.

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It becomes very apparent after reading all these letters that there are benefits and there are cangers. But whatever the benefits and dangers, we may be sure of one thing. The fraternity is here to stay and whether it grows better or worse will depend upon our treatment of it.

Legislators and other enemies who would destroy it by statute might just as well acknowledge—what all history proves—that wherever men are drawn together into large bodies, as they are in the modern universities, they are sure to break up into smaller groups. This being true and inevitable, we are bound to have the fraternity or some similar organization.

It is acknowledged at Princeton—where the fraternity, as such, has been successfully suppressed—that these "similar organizations," clubs and cliques, have all of the disadvantages and lack many of the advantages of the fraternity.

That it is here to stay is proven by the fact that it has grown in less than a century from a despised institution with a handful of outlaws into a respected institution with a membership, graduate and undergraduate, of over 186,000. It counts among its members, presidents and vice-presidents, senators and congressmen, federal and State judges of supreme courts, and thousands of men high in law, medicine, the ministry, teaching and business.

Most of these men are devoted to the old home. This home has many cherished memories and in a material way it represents much valuable property. The taxable assets of a single chapter are, not infrequently, more valuable than the total endowment of some of our good colleges forty years ago. Nearly one thousand chapters own, or rent, and furnish seven hundred houses. These houses are the homes of eighteen thousand of our most promising young men for nine months of each year. In the last quarter of a century the membership has trebled and the number of chapter houses has increased over fifty per cent.

Any organization that is wholly bad—as many of its enemies believe the fraternity to be—can not flourish in this manner. "There is nothing that succeeds like success," and with this splendid growth behind the fraternity it is as idle for its enemies to talk of rooting it out, by legislation or otherwise, as it is idle to talk of rooting out the blades of grass in the Mississippi Valley. The fraternity is as much a fixture in the university as the university itself is a fixture in the community. Its problems are the university's problems, for the most part, and the university's problems are its problems. Why not accept it, therefore, as a permanent factor in college life, study its problems sympathetically and scientifically, and make it in every case what it is in some cases—a power for good?

The fraternity chapter house is a potent factor for good or for evil. Whether it develops into the one or the other depends upon how it is handled. The fact that the answers are so frequently diametrically opposed shows that conditions vary widely in different chapters of the same fraternity and proves that no man can safely judge a fraternity as a whole who knows but a single chapter in a single university.

The advantages pointed out and now being enjoyed in many chapter houses by scores of young men leave no room for doubt as to the benefits, while, on the other hand, the frank statements of corresponding secretaries as to the dangers and disadvantages prove just as conclusively that the chapter house may be a serious menace to the best interests of many young men.

Again, these open answers by young men who know, pointing out the dangers and defects of their own homes, show clearly that any one who attempts to solve this problem scientifically—without any hobby to ride or any preconceived notion to carry out, who is willing to find the facts and apply the remedy—will have cordial co-operation. With few exceptions there is no attempt at evasion or concealment of conditions; the answers come like blows straight from the shoulder. It is evident that the chapters which are going wrong are not as a whole wedded to their weakness. Most of the men in them would welcome reform if it were brought about at the right time and in the right way.

It is not contended here that the fraternity can accomplish the impossible, but that it can do in every chapter what it is now doing in the best. It can, for example:

- 1. Prevent a man of studious habits from becoming a mere grind, a bookworm, a recluse, by forcing him out into society.
- 2. It can prevent a man of strong social inclination from wasting time to the detriment of his mental development.

3. It can tone up a boy of good mind but slovenly habits and tone down a dude and prevent him from becoming the laughing stock of sensible people.

4. It can prevent vulgar language, coarse manners and loafing in the chapter house; and dishonesty and immorality every-

where as things unworthy a Greek-letter man.

5. It can hold in check a young man of strong appetites and passions until the danger point is passed—until he has developed sufficient strength of character to resist temptation.

6. It can reach down a helping hand to a hard working honest

student who needs help and lift him up.

7. In short, it can keep constantly before its men the desirability of a well rounded, symmetrical life.

It can do all these things and many more. In fact, what the well organized, well regulated fraternity can do with its men in

four years is almost incredible to the outsider.

The boys are gathered together on the basis of similar tastes and ideals, when the rushing is properly done. Their constant association soon makes of them the closest friends. In a short time they would infinitely rather disgrace themselves than their fraternity brothers and their organization. Many a boy when he feels quite alone, unobserved and responsible to no one but himself—as he not infrequently does in a big university and a big city—will take risks that he would not think of taking when his fraternity brothers are involved. The danger of losing his best friends and the bitterness of a censure from an upperclassman whom he loves and admires are a sufficient check.

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Such a fraternity receives into its ranks an undeveloped boy and sends forth, four years later, a man of poise, polish and not

infrequently power.

But some one says this is an ideal—a condition impossible of attainment. Not at all. It now exists in the best chapters of the best fraternities. All that is contended here is that all the

chapters can be made as good as the best.

Of those who expressed an opinion on the desirability of a return to ideals which demand better scholarship, 81 per centagree that it is needed as a foundation upon which to rest culture and success in life, and they further agree that the reformation of the fraternity must come through the co-operation of the upperclassmen with the alumni, their friends, not through the legislators, the regents, trustees or faculty.

The movement to employ all the time of a general secretary, a traveling, paid official, is being watched with interest, and much is hoped for him. His broad views resulting from intimate knowledge of local conditions in all the chapters will enable him to offer wise counsel. But one man can not accomplish everything and the bulk of the work must be done for every chapter by the local, resident alumni. They are its natural guardians. Generally they own the chapter house and its elaborate furnishings. They place these valuable equipments in the hands of their younger brothers.

What is more natural, what is more reasonable than that they should demand an accounting—not primarily in a material way, for this is relatively unimportant; but in an intellectual, moral, social, man developing way? This is the plain duty of the alumni

and it should be their privilege.

It is just as reprehensible for the better class of fraternity alumni to abandon their chapters and give them up to the "sporty element"—because these chapters do not exactly please them—as it is for the better citizens to abandon municipal government to professional politicians and ward heelers. There are enough good men in every fraternity and in every municipality to do the right thing. But they must be active.

This duty of the alumnus, however, is a most delicate one and demands just the right man. He must love the fraternity. He must know its history and traditions. He must have a deep personal interest in the underclassman and feel that every boy has possibilities. He must be young enough to still remember how a freshman feels and looks at life, and he must distinguish intuitively between the foibles of youth and real vicious tendencies. He must wink at the one and suppress the other. By prompt and judicious action he must counteract the unwholesome influence of a man who is going wrong, and save the chapter.

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Many of the workers for the small colleges of the South will be interested in the following quotations, taken from the Shield of Theta Delta Chi:

"The last ten years have witnessed vast changes in our system of higher education, and it must be admitted that so far as athletics, benefactions, and numbers of student body are concerned, the universities have had the call. They have produced a somewhat new type of college man, but is he more loyal; is he better equipped, or more serviceable to his day and generation? Is he a better allaround fellow than his contemporary of the small college? That the State institutions will continue to grow seems to be patent. Indeed, it has been said that almost everywhere they are growing to such an extent that they threaten to undo the very purpose for which they exist, education. * * * While the large universities have been growing, the small colleges have not been standing still. Within the past five years many of them have made marked advance in endowment and equipment, and in the numbers and quality of the student body. movement is general. The tide is turning. The Chicago 'The day of the small college is Record-Herald savs: coming again. Of course, the special inducements offered by State universities will always make them popular, but may there not be some relief because of the preference which many people now express for the small colleges? They can give as fine discipline as any of the larger institutions, have the advantage of bringing faculty and students close together, and are freer from distractions than the big rivals."

The above expresses well what has been the observation of the editor for two or three years and as proof of this he would cite the following small colleges in the South: Davidson, Millsaps, Trinity and Mercer. Davidson seems to fit into the argument in every way. This movement can only mean one thing in the long run and that is a separation of college and university work and to the small college will fall the task of developing the true college ideals of the future. Then let our fraternities not be so exclusive in the choice of the colleges that may maintain their chapters, for there will gather into the small colleges the flower of our young manhood in ever-increasing numbers.

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The Association of American Women in London have determined to provide for the most brilliant college women of America the same privileges of study in English universities that the Cecil Rhodes' benefactions have secured for our men and we will soon have our first representative selected. If our Rhodes scholars have failed to make an impression, we will certainly now have our reputation saved by the scholarly women that this generous movement will take to the universities of Great Britain.

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President Eliot, of Harvard, has declined the offer of the ambassadorship at the Court of King Edward, which President Taft tendered him.

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The Educational Conference, which has now become one of the chief events in the educational work of the South each year will assemble this year in Atlanta. The session will open on April 14th and will introduce to our people some of the best educators of the whole country. This

conference will bring a great gathering to Atlanta and the city has already perfected its plans for the entertainment of this distinguished body. Mr. Ogden, who is the president of this body, will be present to preside over the meetings.

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There are enrolled at the University of Nebraska 3,454 students, 1,500 of whom are women. The increase in the number of women at the Western universities has brought forward new problems. The faculties have learned that social life has developed at the expense of the intellectual and have been compelled to restrict the social functions. At the University of Wisconsin and at the University of Washington the fraternities and sororities are permitted to hold only three social functions during the year at which members of the opposite sex may be present.

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The faculty of the University of Minnesota has formed a scholarship fraternity which will be known as the Delta Alpha Psi.

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In an exchange we find a copy of the announcement of an essay contest at Brown University in which the first prize will be \$40.00 and the second \$25.00. The subject assigned is, "Should the students of Brown University take action to prevent the establishment of new chapters?" The contest seems to be instituted by a class organization.

Editorial

IN another place in this magazine there appears an Official Communication from the Supreme Council making certain requirements about the letters written to this magazine and to the DAGGER AND KEY.

The letters from the various chapters to our magazine compose a large part of it, and possibly the most interesting part of it. The worth and attractiveness of each issue is therefore greatly dependent upon the letters. The letters to these magazines are not only for the purpose of telling news items about the chapter and college, but is also the chronicle and record from which any history or directory of the fraternity is necessarily largely compiled, and it is therefore especially important that the requirements mentioned in the official communication referred to be complied with.

Many of the chapters have in the past, and we regret to say, will probably in the future, fail to get on their Record Book as accurate a record as they should about their members, and the old numbers of the magazine is one of the most effective methods of deriving information, and we wish it so that information be full, complete and absolutely correct.

Almost without exception our chapters refer to their initiates only by last name or simply with initials or some first name and it is rarely that the town and State are given.

Letters are also so hurriedly written and usually on such poor paper that it is almost impossible to read the names correctly, so that the type-setter often makes a mistake and the Grand Historiographer in a number of instances in securing records of the old members, does not know

whether the names refer to one man or two different ones; whether J. W. Smith who belonged to the chapter about a certain year is the man referred to in some list of that chapter as John Smith, or not. This can be greatly helped by the use of the full name and we sincerely hope the chapters will each appreciate these difficulties and comply with the requirements.

We would suggest that it be pasted in a permanent place in the chapter hall for the use of future correspondents of the chapter, and we sincerely hope that it will be complied with fully.

We would also urge that Correspondents, when they are elected, should have these instructions read to them and in addition be urged to use proper care in writing their letters for the magazine.

—G. S.

THE death of Martin C. Caufield is a very great loss to the fraternity. An enthusiastic, loyal alumnus, ever ready with cheering word to encourage the work and with generous contributions to enable their successful carrying out, he was indeed an ideal II. We extend deep sympathy to his bereaved family and to his and our brother, Thos. A. Caufield.

THE heavy amount of work devolving upon the General Office in arranging for the Convention is the cause of the smaller size of this issue.

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE FRATERNITY.

APRIL 1, 1909.

To the Chapter Correspondents:

In writing all letters to the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, take notice of the following requirements:

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The above shall apply likewise to the letters in the DAGGER AND KEY, and applies to each and every letter for either of these publications, and unless this is done the editor of those publications will be instructed that he can refuse to accept the said letter and the chapter will be subject to the usual fine for not writing it.

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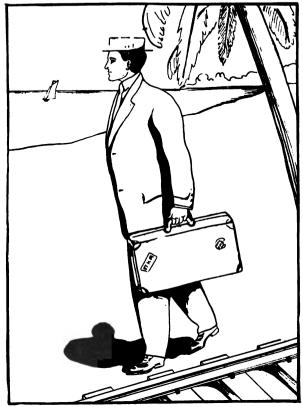
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One of the Invitations to New Orleans Convention.

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Story of the Second Bi-ennial Convention

THE second Bi-ennial Convention is a thing of the past but it will always be present in the memories of those who were fortunate enough to attend, for never can they forget that royal hospitality met with in New Orleans and the constant thoughtfulness of the local II's to make all have a good time.

And those social functions! Words fail to describe them. Did we have a good time? Well, II's never had a better and everybody stayed until only their ticket money was left and many had not even this.

This Convention may properly be called "The Gin Fizz Convention" for the whys and wherefores, reference should be had to Sale and Powers and possibly some of the others who were there.

In size, this Convention was much below Richmond for New Orleans of course, is very far off from our main territory, while Richmond is in the center of it and within only a few hours of a large number of our chapters. Still this Convention was well attended and most enthusiastic and accomplished a great deal of work.

The roll is as follows:

ROLL OF SECOND BIENNIAL CONVENTION.

Supreme Council.—J. Pike Powers, Jr., Zeta, Grand Princeps; Robert A. Smythe, Lambda, Grand Treasurer,

Charles W. Underwood, Chi, Grand Secretary; Graham Sale, Pi, Grand Historiographer.

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ceedingly busy at this Convention working hard at every session. They never missed a single session during the Convention.

Sale, when not busy insisting on changing the Constitution in spite of all that could be done to restrain him, was occupied in collecting the delegates in groups and advising matrimony, though he lost his voice at the dance trying to prove to the girls that he was single.

The Grand Treasurer when not reporting delinquents and trying to collect money with "red ribbon" letters was very kind in freely giving to all the name of the treatment which has had such a wonderful effect in completely restoring his lost hair.

Did you notice Power's new gestures? Whenever on his feet, both hands were extended as if he was walking the floor all night with a burden in each one! As usual, he made an excellent presiding officer and really was without exception the hardest worked officer there. Unquestionably, presiding over an active convention, such as this was, is very exacting and tiresome work.

And Underwood! When he was helped up on a chair, he could be seen above the table and his remarks were always listened to with great interest. Of course, he made a big impression on the Convention and this was the first time he had appeared as a Grand Officer. He was very diligent in his work of taking down the minutes when not occupied with the telephone booth. It is estimated that his expenses for "telephoning" were many dollars a day.

Governor Hughes, when he could be awakened in the morning, was a dignified and august participant in the discussions of the Convention. His work in bringing in changes of the Constitution, as the Chairman of that Committee, was most valuable and few appreciated the amount of work he gave in arranging this report. All of the officers left Saturday night with the exception of the Grand Chancelor, "Governor" Hughes, who as the official lawyer of the Fraternity, rumor, has it, was compelled to

stay over a day in order to nol. pros. a suit for trifling with affections which it was reported had been instituted against "Telephone Operator" Underwood.

Much important work was accomplished by this Convention and many changes made in the Constitution which will be of great and lasting benefit to the Fraternity.

Probably the change from which the Fraternity will derive the greatest benefit is creating the special office of Editor-in-chief, to have entire charge of the editing and publishing of the Fraternity's magazines commencing October, 1909. This action was strongly recommended in the report of the Grand Princeps realizing that the General Office had too much on it and that the Grand Treasurer's time would be thoroughly occupied with the finances. The Shield and Diamond will thus have the attention of an editor whose time can be devoted entirely to it which of course will result in its improvement in every way. The business management of the magazine will still be vested in the Grand Treasurer but all of the literary department will be in charge of this new officer.

The Supreme Council has been very fortunate in securing for this office Brother W. G. Riddick of Little Rock, Ark., an enthusiastic and loyal II and under his able management the magazine will be more worthy than ever of the Fraternity.

Dividing the Fraternity territory into districts, each in charge of an Inspector will produce most beneficial results. The chapters are to be advised regularly by these Inspectors and their condition as well as that of the College reported to the Supreme Council. The Inspector will be able to advise and help the chapters in many of their troubles and will enthuse and keep them up to the mark.

The Ritual is to be placed in charge of a special committee during the interim between the conventions, to report at Knoxville in 1911 any changes or additions they think will improve it.

The territorial limitation was removed from the Consti-



and the other delegates developed many interesting ideas which should benefit all of the chapters and greatly assist them in the work. These reports were written and read by the delegates, and if any special feature was noted in them, questions were asked by the Convention and many delegates themselves sought advice of the Convention on certain points in the situation surrounding their Chapter.

It is very unfortunate that sufficient "certificate-receipts" were not secured to enable the obtaining of the reduced rate returning. Through a short-sighted policy on the part of many delegates, mileage books were purchased which in the individual cases made a slight saving but prevented the many from obtaining the reduced rates. At the Atlanta Convention of some years back, we lacked only one receipt of having a sufficient number which shows how important it is for every delegate to pay his full fare going, obtaining these receipts, as they mean the saving of many hundred dollars.

When the election of officers was reached on the program in compliance with Brother Power's repeated statement, his name was not placed in nomination for re-election and soon Brother Hughes was elected.

Upon motion of Brother Smythe, Grand Treasurer, Brother Sale took the chair, whereupon Brother Smythe offered the following resolutions which were adopted by acclamation and a standing vote.

"The Supreme Council desire to voice here, individually and as a body, their sincere and heartfelt regrets at the resignation of J. Pike Powers, Jr., the Grand Princeps of the Fraternity. For over ten years he has been an active, zealous and hard working member of the governing board of II K A.

At great personal sacrifice, he has for the past few conventions accepted re-election against his wishes and requests until now the duties of his profession and his many positions make it

impossible to longer serve Π K A.

Only those who have been in close touch with him know the amount of detail work and the constant thought and over-sight he has given to the best interests of the Fraternity during his terms of office.

The Fraternity will miss his guiding hand and his earnest and thoughtful advice.

Brother Powers carries with him the "well done" of his associates and their best wishes for his continued success."

Brother L. C. Witten, Pi, then read the following resolutions which were also unanimously adopted.

"Whereas, It has been deemed best by our esteemed Grand Princeps, Brother John Pike Powers, Jr., of Knoxville, Tenn., in consideration of the lack of the necessary time to devote to the interests of the Fraternity to tender his resignation as Grand Princeps and to refuse absolutely to consider or accept a reelection to the office; be it

Resolved, That the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity in meeting assembled at its Second Bi-ennial Convention do hereby convey from each Chapter and member to Brother Powers an expression of its sincere thanks for his valued services and its deep regret

at his resignation."

Upon motion of Brother Smythe, he was authorized to have both of these resolutions suitably engressed and presented to Brother Powers.

Brother Powers responded feelingly to these resolutions which had taken him quite by surprise. His remarks were received with much applause by the Convention.

The following officers were elected to serve until the next Convention:

SHPREME COUNCIL.

Grand Princeps, J. Gordon Hughes, Xi, Union, S. C. Grand Treasurer, Robert A. Smythe, Lambda, Atlanta, Georgia.

Grand Secretary, Chas. W. Underwood, Chi, Atlanta, Georgia.

Grand Historiographer, Graham Sale, Pi, Welch, W. Virginia.

GRAND OFFICERS.

Grand Chancellor, Floyd Hughes, Gamma and Alpha, Norfolk, Va.

Grand Chancellor, W. G. Riddick, Pi, Little Rock, Ark. Grand Chaplain, Rev. Geo. Summey, D.D., LL.D., Beta, New Orleans, La.

During the second morning's session on motion of Brother Smythe the following telegram was sent: NEW ORLEANS, LA., April 15, 1909.

Hon. Floyd Hughes, 176 York Street, Norfolk. Va.

Convention one hundred strong greets you and regrets your absence.

(Signed) C. W. Underwood,
Grand Secretary

At the afternoon session same day the following reply was read to the Convention and greeted with applause:

NORFOLK, VA., April 15, 1909.

C. W. UNDERWOOD, Grand Secretary,

St. Charles Hotel, New Orleans, La.

Sickness since Saturday has prevented my attendance to my very great regret. Cordial greeting to the Convention and to the Brothers individually. (Signed) FLOYD HUGHES.

Other telegrams were read during the various sessions of the Convention, as follows:

KNOXVILLE, TENN., April 14, 1909.

PI KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY.

St. Charles Hotel, New Orleans, La.

Bring next Convention to Knoxville. Success to you.

McCallum, Hunter, Curtis, Comfort and Briscoe.

DAHLONEGA, GA., April 14, 1909.

MR. ROBERT A. SMYTHE,

Care of Pi Kappa Alpha,

St. Charles Hotel, New Orleans, La. Psi greets you. Make it the best ever.

PSI CHAPTER.

TIMMONSVILLE, S. C., April 15, 1909.

THE PI KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED.

St. Charles Hotel, New Orleans, La.

Greetings; may the standard of the garnet and gold be raised higher than ever. John McSween, Jr.

Just before adjournment, Brother Smythe secured the floor and offered the following resolutions which were adopted with many shouts of approval and nine Rahs for New Orleans!

"Be it Resolved, By the II K A Fraternity in Convention assembled, that our most sincere and hearty thanks be extended to Eta and Alumnus Eta Chapters, the Committee of Arrangements, and each and every one of our hosts who have made our stay here so enjoyable and memorable.

The spaghetti supper and the reception and dance will live long

in the memories of those who were present.

The privilege of meeting the lady IIs of New Orleans was one of the most pleasant, enjoyable and appreciated features of the social side of the Convention.

It has also been such a pleasure to know and be with our Western Alumni.

The Second Bi-ennial Convention is indeed THE Convention

of our conventions due to the hospitality of our hosts.

Be it further Resolved, That a duly attested copy of these resolutions, a poor expression of our real feelings, be sent by the Grand Secretary to both Eta and Alumnus Eta Chapters."

The business sessions of the Convention were then finished but the Convention did not adjourn as following our custom the officers were to be sworn in at the banquet.

And now the writer hesitates to enter upon the balance of this story for he has no vocabulary at his command in which to express to you even in the slightest degree the pleasures and enjoyment of the social side of the Convention which graced each evening of our stay in New Orleans. The amount of preparations and arrangements made by our hosts was not appreciated until we entered upon these crowning features of this delightful gathering.

First came that most unique and enjoyable spaghetti supper on Wednesday evening, April 14th at Portuguese Hall way down in the Italian quarter of old New Orleans. This feast was served in true Dago style with all of the Dago's accompaniments (this does not refer to the band), the long tables were set on both sides and the upper end of the hall and around them gathered the IIs and their guests over 100. What a scene it was!

The Dago band bursting forth at frequent intervals into weird music (?) and the Dago-Creole quartette lustily giving forth their volume of songs (?) amid a din of applause, making as noisy a feast probably as the old hall had ever witnessed. A photograph of the menu which was printed on heavy white paper by the Dago press appears elsewhere in these pages and was in keeping with the other features. At each plate a corncob pipe was placed bearing on its "old gold" bowl the mystic letters II K A in "garnet."



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THAT SPAGHETTI SUPPER MENU. SECOND BI-ENNIAL CONVENTION, 1909. The palm garden of the St. Charles Hotel never looked lovlier than on the night of April 15th when the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity was tendered a reception and dance given in honor of the Convention. The large hall, circular in shape was filled with decorations of "old gold and garnet." From every part of the hall wide streamers of old gold and garnet were festooned to the cupelo in the center of the ceiling and from each of these hung a myriad of small banners of every college where II K A has chapters and also hundreds of small II K A banners. The thousands of electric lights shining through these decorations filled the room with a glow of Fraternity colors.

The dance program as will be seen from the cover page of this issue was most unique. When opened wide it was a "Diamond" in shape being surmounted by a "Shield" bearing the Fraternity letters and all in our colors. The inside sheets with the list of dances were bound to it with ribbons of garnet with old gold tassels. Twenty delightful dances were enjoyed.

To a more abler pen than this you must look for some adequate description of the exquisite beauty and gracefulness, the charming and entrancing fascinations of the Sister IIs in New Orleans who added their presence to make this occasion the most enjoyable ever attended by IIs, and who won the hearts of all the visiting Brothers as was very evident they had done before, of the local members. A more beautiful bevy of girls can not be imagined than the Sister IIs of New Orleans. Here's to them, God bless them!

It is greatly to be regretted that this most beautiful gathering, viewed from every standpoint, was the only one which we failed to record through the photographer's flash light. This was a source of great regret to all present.

All during the evening, punch was served as well as delicious refreshments.

The business sessions ended at midday on Friday giv-

ing the delegates an opportunity to spend that afternoon in sight-seeing. A number of automobiles were secured and loaded with IIs and many hours of the afternoon were spent in riding over the city. A visit was paid to Tulane University and to many of the beautiful driving parks which abound throughout the city. Many of the buildings were visited and the delegates obtained a good idea of the city.

At 8:30 p. m., we assembled in one of the beautiful private dining rooms of the St. Charles Hotel for our Convention Banquet. The Hotel management had excelled themselves in the decorations of this hall and everywhere the old gold and garnet, in flowers, in banners and streamers greeted the eyes. As will be seen from the photograph elsewhere in these pages, the Supreme Council were seated at the long table at the head of the hall while the others were grouped by fours and fives around small tables throughout the room, making a most attractive sight.

The following was the delicious menu which was so perfectly and silently served by the many score of waiters.

MENU

Martini Oocktail

Celerv

Canape Caviar Olives

Radishes

Gumbo, Nouvelle Orleans Bouillabaisse

Potatoes Natural

Casburgot Chambord

Rauternes

Lamb Chop

Petit Pois

Punch Curacao
Poulet Saute a la Creole
Shrimp Salad Mayonnaise

Pontet Canet

Biscuit Glace

Fancy Assorted Cake

Toasted Crackers

Fruit

Fromage Roquefort

Cafe Noir.

Apollinaris Water

The Rev. Dr. George Summey, Grand Chaplain, invoked the divine blessing and all were soon busy with the delicious viands. After the curacao punch was served, Brother Smythe, the toastmaster announced that as was the custom we would all rise and in silence drink a toast to those of our Brothers who have crossed into the great beyond. Brother Smythe then announced the first regular toast and between each course introduced the other toasts according to the following list:

The responses were most interesting and aroused much enthusiasm. Sale's response was truly a splendid effort of oratory but it was "the sound of a voice that is still," the reasons for his loss of voice being as before stated his efforts at the dance to prove that he was a single man. "Papa" Powers made quite a hit but stated that Brother Hudson was only recently the happy father of a daughter, therefore, he was not the only one to be congratulated. Unfortunately the telephone wires did not extend to the upper end of the banquet room so our "Official Operator" and erstwhile Grand Secretary was unable to completely enjoy himself.

With many songs and the giving of the yells of the different colleges as well as that of old II K A the evening ended, or more properly speaking the early hours of the morning, and brought to a close the Second Biennial Convention.



It was with sadness that the delegates bade each other good-bye as a large number left on the early trains of that morning.

At 11 o'clock Saturday morning the Supreme Council enjoyed one of the famous French breakfasts at Begues on the corner of Madison and Decatur Streets, down by the old French market. Brothers Sale, Powers, Underwood, Hughes and Smythe accompanied by Brother Hudson formed the happy party. This was one of the most delightful experiences of the quaint old life of New Orleans and it was 1:30 p. m. before breakfast was over.

A singular coincident at this breakfast was the discovery in a young lady seated at the table of a sister of three It's and a cousin of another.

This story would not be complete, did we not express the pleasure at meeting the splendid set of IIs—our hosts. Who can think of New Orleans without remembering Orloff Henry, that splendid specimen of Southern manhood. He was always present, and ready with his beautiful courtesy and charming hospitality to do anything to add to the pleasure of the visit.

And Joseph F. Ward and Dr. Koelle and Ferdinand and Dr. Strong,—who can forget all they did for us, or their strong personalities with which we were all impressed.

And Dr. Summey, that bulwark of hospitality and our other ministerial brothers especially Brother Caldwell and that royal II and entertainer, that courtly gentleman, Henry Dickson Bruns.

Space prevents our mentioning more for to each one of our hosts would we gladly give a special paragraph for each one of them made a special impression upon us, but already this story has drawn itself out too long.

Here's to the Second Biennial Convention and here's to New Orleans and our hosts!! Hip! Hip! Hoorah!!

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FLOYD HUGHES, Gamma and Alpha, Grand Councilor.

Impressions of the Convention

SHORT SKETCHES OF THE SECOND BIENNIAL CONVEN-TION FROM OFFICERS AND DELEGATES.

EVERY member of the Fraternity who was not in New Orleans at the Convention in April should regret his absence. Those who did attend can certainly sympathize with the absent ones in their misfortune.

It was a splendid gathering of the clan in a great and hospitable city. The loyalty and enthusiasm of those assembled was admirable. Every member present was "true blue" and constituted of the stuff that makes a fraternity strong and enduring. Each man seemed to be there with a purpose—to carry the standard of Pi Kappa Alpha forward. True, different members had their ideas as to the policy and future of the Fraternity. but there was not one who was unwilling to yield his personal preferences or desires to the will of the majority and to what the majority thought best for Pi Kappa Alpha. In no assembly has there ever been a stronger fight in better feeling than the contest on the question of expansion in the recent Convention in New Orleans. When the matter was finally settled. I have never seen victors exhibit more magnanimity nor vanquished bow more gracefully in the result. When the spokesman for those delegates opposed to expansion announced that they had without bitterness, made the best fight they could and lost, but were then ready to lend every effort toward making Pi Kappa Alpha as great a national fraternity as it had been a Southern fraternity, that was the spirit of true manliness and brotherhood that counts in the accomplishment of great things. In fact, that was the true Pi Kappa Alpha spirit, and it will mean much in the effort to carry the Fraternity successfully forward in the new territory now open to us. As long as the Fraternity is made up of such men as attended the New Orleans Convention, there need be no fear for the future.

Another phase of Pi Kappa Alpha spirit manifested itself in the part played by Eta Alumnus and Eta Active Chapters in the excellent arrangements for the Convention and in the beautiful manner in which the delegates and visitors were entertained. Though the conventions heretofore have been most profitable and pleasant, yet it is safe to say that the last one eclipsed all others in the intense interest in all that concerned the welfare of the Fraternity and in the splendid attention and magnificent entertainment on the part of the local Chapter and Alumni. It seems that each convention of the Fraternity surpasses the preceding one, but the standard set by the last will be hard to excel.

The evenings of the Convention were one continual gav and pleasant social whirl. The first evening we all were "Dagos" and manipulated sphagetti down in old Portuguese Hall. The next evening came a beautiful dance in the palm gardens of the St. Charles Hotel, when Smythe and Sale forgot that they were not single and Powers heard not even the gentle breathing of the twins in peaceful sleep. And Underwood offered to add to the weight of cares that already bears down on his broad and manly shoulders, the responsibility of supporting a New Orleans belle. Probably the dance was responsible for the bold invitation to all, at the excellent banquet on the following evening, to come to Knoxville in 1911 and meet the "Grand Princess." However, some things are yet in future, but meeting the queenly daughters of old New Orleans certainly has the effect of reviving hopes and renewing ambitions. In view of such impressions being made upon the staid old officers of the Fraternity, it may be easily imagined what were the effects upon those of a younger generation present and participating in the festivities.

Pi Kappa Alpha is yet in the morning of its life and still faces the rising sun. The New Orleans Convention ushers in a new era in the history of the Fraternity. Our territory has been widened and new problems are before us. We are not lords of all we survey, but what we desire can be attained through toil and effort. "Garnett and Old Gold" is to be carried further from the spot of nativity at old Alpha Chapter, but in each movement care must be exercised and the banner must be planted only on solid rock. A poor chapter is worse than no chapter at all, and, though we should grow and are going to grow rapidly, it may be relied upon that the present administration will never place a chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha where it has not a good opportunity of going to the front and reaching and maintaining superiority. With the earnest and unwavering support of the Chapters and Alumni, the convention in Knoxville in 1911 will hear a story of permanent growth and real progress that will make the heart of every Pi Kappa Alpha swell with pride. Here's to the best Southern Fraternity, soon to be the best National Fraternity!

J. GORDON HUGHES, Grand Princeps.

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The New Orleans Convention was indeed one of the greatest pleasures I have ever experienced. From the time I was initiated into the II K A Fraternity I have always been glad at any time to meet a brother II and soon after that time I resolved to accept the first opportunity I should have to attend a II K A convention. It was impossible for me to go to Richmond but I went to New Orleans and such a good time as we all did have.

There were men and boys there from all over this Southland of ours and a better bunch I never saw together. They would fight their hardest for what they thought was for the betterment of II K A but if the majority thought different the minority would promptly congratulate the winning side. In short, they all had the spirit of true and loyal IIs.

The officers were also great fellows and impressed me as having wisdom far beyond their years. They are

certainly far from selfish for the time they devote to fraternity affairs they almost have to steal from their own work. By their own self-sacrifice, they showed that no better men could be found in any place to see to the affairs of our Fraternity.

The work of the Convention was carried on always in a business-like way, which showed that we were there for work as well as play.

On the whole, I was thankful indeed that I was a II K A. I was proud to have such men as were at that Convention to call me brother. I was glad to see that we stood for quality before quantity.

The social functions were, to say the least, most enjoyable. Eta and Alumnus Eta did entertain us royally. The sphagetti supper was surely very unique, the dance was all a Southern dance possibly could be, and that banquet was the best ever.

Brothers, you who were unfortunate enough not to be able to attend the Convention at New Orleans, go to Knoxville. You can't appreciate a fraternity convention until you attend one.

HARRY T. LETTON, Alumnus of Omega.

From reading the accounts of conventions of Pi Kappa Alpha in the Shield and Diamond, and from accounts of them from our delegates, I was prepared for something fine; but my ideas fell far short of the reality. In order to thoroughly appreciate a convention of our Fraternity one must be there. There is a mysterious and compelling force about them, an all-pervading spirit that defies description, and of which no idea can be given in mere words.

I have always been proud of my Fraternity, and justly so, but when I clasped the hands of the brothers at the past Convention, and looked into their straightforward and manly faces, I felt that not until then had I fully realized how great is Pi Kappa Alpha. Never have I

seen a finer set of young men than assembled at this Second Bi-ennial Convention; men, every one of them, of strong character and high ideals, whom I was proud and glad to claim before all the world as brothers in the highest sense of the word.

And our Grand Officers are simply "It." Having once met them, we can have no fear for the welfare of the Fraternity under their guidance. Nor are they the stern and austere dignitaries some of us have pictured them from our correspondence, but the jolliest, and altogether the most lovable "Bunch" it has ever been my pleasure to meet. I would like to speak of each and every one of them; of the quiet dignity of Brother Powers who has laid aside the cares of office for the responsibilities of a family: of the good fellowship of "Gov." Hughes. the bachelor Pi, who has promised to introduce us to Mrs. Hughes at the Knoxville Convention; of the spirit of Brother Smythe, the "Grand Old Man" of Pi Kappa Alpha; of jolly, whole-souled Brother Sale, who can make a speech even without his voice; of energetic Brother Underwood and the Gin Fizz and of the lovalty of Brother Summey who has done so much for the Alumnus Chapter at New Orleans; but space will not permit me to go more into detail. Every II was truly sorry that we could not meet Brothers Floyd Hughes, and J. Grav McAllister, but we hope to see them at Knoxville.

The work of the Convention certainly marks an epoch in the history of Pi Kappa Alpha; it will be printed in detail elsewhere, and will not, therefore, be taken up here. The manner in which the delegates "went at" the work is certainly worth mentioning. There was an earnestness of purpose, and a spirit of fairness about the work of the Convention that showed well Pi Kappa Alpha's influence upon her sons, and their loyalty to her. Especially was this shown in the question of expansion. Many of the delegates came here prepared to fight this issue to the bitter end, but the end was not bitter. They

fought a good fight, and when the result was known, they told the Convention that since expansion was the will of the majority they were for it to a man, and would fight for it as manfully now as they had against it while under discussion. This was the true Pi Kappa Alpha spirit, and shows better than anything else how closely her sons are bound together.

Of the social side of the Convention I will say little. As every member of Pi Kappa Alpha is a gentleman of the "Old School" it is not surprising that their presence should make any social gathering an unquestionable success; and the impression made by the Convention upon the beauty of New Orleans is, I believe firmly, both deep and lasting.

In conclusion, I will say that if it were possible, this Convention has made me a little more proud of my Fraternity than ever before; and while this was my first convention, I do not mean that it shall be my last, and it will be something serious indeed that will make me miss another.

ORLOFF HENRY, Eta. Alumnus Eta, New Orleans.

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To write, in the limited time I have and space that would be allowed, of the New Orleans Convention would be impossible. There were so many interesting things worthy of mention and so many important steps taken by the delegates, and the brothers of the Alumni, I could not and will not mention "my impressions" of them all.

We had a good time. This is not news to any one who was there, of course; but those who were absent will be glad to know it.

I said, in an article before the Convention, we could count on that; and now I can say, with gratitude to the two Eta's—"I told you so." The entertainment given us will always be cherished among the pleasant memories of days gone by.

The representation was as large as could be expected at that place, which is on the edge of our boundary; in fact, it was better than our Council anticipated and the men present were a manly, dignified crowd of students, reflecting, among the citizens of New Orleans, honor upon the organization.

The place was more interesting, to me, than any which could have been selected. Many and varied items of interest make that old city delightful to visitors.

The hotel was well selected and its management accommodating. The numerous halls, dining rooms, palm garden, and spacious lobbies, all added to our pleasure.

The presence of Dr. Bruns and Dr. Summey, in frequent attendance upon the Convention sessions, and at the dinners delighted every young man.

The acquaintance made, the friendships renewed, the old ties made stronger—they are the chief good of every convention.

The aggressive Smythe, the enthusiastic Sale and obliging Underwood altogether, rebutted the dignity of the Governor.

Ardent Alumni permeated the assemblies, with sound advice and cheerful interest adding greatly to the work accomplished.

The Fraternity met and spoke and in speaking let the world know that it feels its ability to compete with others. No longer does it feel bound to keep a chapter; but it has come to the place where it uses the prerogative of selecting in its wise discretion, its chapters, thus adding to its internal strength.

The future holds in store great things for it, under the wise management of its chosen officers.

The many courtesies shown me by every man will always be cherished. Because of Brother Floyd Hughes' absence it became my honor to preside, and the co-operation given unanimously was greatly appreciated. It is no small task to sit through all those sessions as presiding

officer; but I rejoice to say the chair had the support of the delegates and there was harmony throughout, as well as life, interest, and discussion.

Many, many times I have already told different brothers of the happy session; often, I hope, I shall tell it again.

We are under a big debt of gratitude to the Tulane Chapter and all those beloved alumni in, and about New Orleans, for the hospitality bestowed upon us.

Come to Knoxville in 1911 and I will do my part towards paying the debt, as will all the other II's in this East Tennessee valley.

J. PIKE POWERS. JR.

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You ask me for my "Impressions of the Convention." Had I the time and space at my disposal, I might write a volume on this subject alone, for it seems to me that every minute of my three days at New Orleans, gave me a new impression of old Pi Kappa Alpha, and her men, but of this medley, I believe there were at least three which impressed me more than any of the others.

The first of these was the personnel of the Convention. It is utterly impossible to describe to the absent II's just the class of men that made up that meeting. member of the Fraternity has had a more or less intimate association with our Grand Officers, through correspondence, and even in that way, have we gained a good impression of these men, as tried and true sons of the Garnet and Gold. But my brothers, to know these men, is to love your Fraternity better. To see them, to meet them face to face, to speak with them, and know the grand work they are doing for Pi Kappa Alpha, is a privilege of which I am proud. Every one of them are leaders in their respective callings, and to see them sacrificing their time and attention to the Fraternity's welfare, causes me to know that Greek life is worth while. Powers, Sale, Smythe, Underwood, and not forgetting our new Grand Princeps "Gov." Hughes, are a bunch of men, whose leadership would be an honor to any organization, and Pi Kappa Alpha is proud of them.

It has been my privilege to be more or less associated with college men in several of our Southern institutions. and I can say positively that never have I seen so many college men together before, where you could not put your finger on a bad one. From Virginia to Louisiana. from Missouri to Florida, if these delegates are a true criterion of their chapters, Pi Kappa Alpha has every reason to be proud of her roll. Not a man there, but I would be glad to entertain in my home, not one but that I would trust implicitly. My sentiments were expressed by a brother, who at the close of the Convention said "There is not a man here who could not make my chapter, and we consider ourselves very conservative." I only wish I had the space at my disposal to deal with each and every one of the brothers who so greatly endeared themselves to me, but I can almost see an ominous shake of the head from Atlanta, so I shall desist. But as long as memory lasts I shall never forget "Bill" Johnson. Menefce, Atkinson, Witten, Dunn and Kellner.

Then I was glad indeed to find out that this high standard of Pi Kappa Alpha, is not a thing of late years only, as was proved by the loyal Alumni present. Dr. Summey, an initiate of forty years standing; Dr. Bruns, initiated in 1876, Hudson, an alumnus of ten years, who came all the way from Knoxville to attend the meetings, and took just as much interest in the proceedings as the Chapter delegates, Brother Downman, all of them enthusiastic workers for the good of Pi Kappa Alpha, and men of whom any Pi has just reason to be proud, occupying as they do foremost positions in their chosen vocations.

Next to this evident high standing of its men, I think the fraternal spirit of the men composing this Convention impressed me most. At many times, during discussions on the floor, the arguments would grow very heated especially so on the subject of expansion. But every man there was conscientiously working to the one end the good of Pi Kappa Alpha, and though their opinions as to how to reach this end, were oftentimes diametrically onposite, yet the relationship of brotherhood was never once lost sight of, and at the test, when one side triumphed, the minority would loyally come over and standing with them. pledge their support to a measure which they had fought to the last ditch. I shall never forget how when the Convention had spoken and expansion triumphed how Witten and his loval little band of anti-expansionists (how they did fight) gave cheers for expansion, or how they were answered by Hudson and Johnson's men with three times three for the "minority." I tell you if that didn't betoken fraternal and fraternity spirit. I've missed my guess.

Another, and lasting impression that I gained was the congeniality of the men. The chasm of years was spanned, and from the Freshman to the gray headed Alumnus, from the plantation owners of Virginia to the miners of Missouri, a well spring of congenial friendship seemed to burst forth, and engulf all in its mighty rush of II K A. Of all the men that I met, and I believe I met and knew every one on the floor, I did not discover an uncongenial spirit. On the other hand, one would rather have taken the meeting for one large chapter gathering, rather than a convention comprised of men from thirteen States. This one thing more than anything else impressed me with the truth of the fact that Pi Kappa Alpha, does stamp her men with the stamp of II K A.

New Orleans is noted for her hospitality, and nobly did she uphold her name on the present occasion. I was unavoidably absent from the dance, and thus failed to meet those New Orleans II girls, of which all of us have heard so much, and this absence has been my one cause for regret in connection with the Convention, but I was very much there, both at the spaghetti supper, and ban-

quet, and my impressions there gained can be borne witness by my digestive apparatus. It was a novel experience, this thing of eating from eight o'clock until midnight, and two evenings of the same week, but nevertheless, a most enjoyable one, and one that I shall ever have cause to remember especially the champagne.

Any comments on the Convention would be incomplete if they did not contain some mention of the real work accomplished on the floor. Of course time is the only test to be applied to any change, and I believe that it will show that the legislation accomplished in New Orleans will do more for the advancement of Pi Kappa Alpha, than has ever been done before. Expansion, Constitutional Amendments, Districting the Fraternity, the policy of eliminating chapters in weak and second rate colleges, Chapter House legislation, are all, in my estimation steps upward and I honestly believe that Pi Kappa Alpha's era of great prosperity will have its inception in the wise work of the New Orleans Convention of 1909.

And so I might go on and on, giving my impressions, each one of which as I received it, seems equally as important as the other, but time and space forbid. But despite truth of these factors, I believe it will be in order in my conclusion to give my very last impressions of the Convention. When Killner and I left on Sunday afternoon, I believe, aside from the local men, there were only three of the delegates remaining. Little Whittet of Richmond College was flirting outrageously with the telephone girl, while Hulme of Georgia and "Gov." Hughes, our distinguished Grand Princeps, were trying their very best to get a Gin Fizz (ask your delegate what a New Orleans Gin Fizz is).

To have been at New Orleans and seen the class of men comprising the active membership of Pi Kappa Alpha, I count as one of the greatest privileges of my life. It was a revelation, for though I know Pi Kappa Alpha to be a great Fraternity, I had no idea how great until I went to New Orleans. Judging from this Convention and its men, I believe that old II K A is the peer of any fraternity in the South, and I am prouder than ever to be a wearer of the Shirld and Diamond. I went to New Orleans, loving Pi Kappa Alpha, I came away loving her a thousandfold more, and now ready and willing more than ever before to work for her advancement and upbuilding.

So here's to New Orleans and nineteen nine, May God's greatest blessing ever be thine And to Knoxville too, with her Is true blue When nineteen 'leven comes marching through.

> LLOYD R. BYENE, Alpha Zeta and Alumnus Mu.

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It was a great success. The members were strong, thoughtful, loyal, cordial fellows. The officers showed devotion to their work and intelligent grasp of it. The work of the Convention was conducted ably and systematically, with the keenest interest pervading every part of it. The Fraternity showed in every way, through its Convention, that it is here to stay, that it is a force in its special line, and that it contributes largely to the social and fellowship life of all its members. Having been one of the hosts, I shall not speak of the social functions, except to say that the New Orleans II's did everything they could with the greatest delight, and that they relished the evident appreciation of all the visiting II's.

GEORGE SUMMEY, Beta and Alumnus Eta.

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How in the world could one even tell of all of the impressions which he received at New Orleans, much less write them. Every day I think of some new impression which the Convention and its members made upon me, and the last one is, as a rule, more pleasant than its preceding one, despite the fact they were all pleas-

ant impressions. I can not write any better than I could speak the last few days I was in New Orleans, and those who were there will probably remember how I could do that. Nevertheless that diligent editor of our magazine has written me about half a dozen letters commanding me to send him my impressions at once (he has written me about half a dozen thousand letters about other matters), and of late he has brought his red ribbon into use about these impressions, so here goes a feeble effort to tell you what I thought of the Convention.

First, I can not begin to describe my feelings when I first reached the very beautiful and still more interesting city of New Orleans. It was cold and chilly up in these "coal diggings" of West Virginia when I left, and you know what a contrast the weather was in New Orleans. I had always wanted to go to that city and had expected a great deal of it and I was not disappointed. It far reached beyond my expectations. It is decidedly the most interesting and the most genuinely enjoyable city in which I have ever been, and I have seen quite a good deal of most of the larger ones in this country. But there is something in New Orleans which the others have not. It seemed foreign, yet it is homelike, and for one I am of the opinion that we certainly made no mistake by having our Convention there.

As to the New Orleans IIs, there could be but one common impression among all the visitors at the Convention, and that was that of all hospitable people, they come first. Nothing seemed too great for them to do for their visiting brothers, and they did great things and entertained the Convention in what I dare say was the most elaborate way it had ever been entertained. Will you ever forget that spaghetti supper; and that banquet; and above all that dance and reception? Those II sisters—did they make an impression on me? I am not going to say—for certain reasons I am afraid to—but those girls at that dance that night would certainly prove a

delight to any man, and that alone compensated every man there for the trip.

I have been to three conventions and almost without exception the appearance, the behavior and the manner of the various delegates have always impressed me with the fact that Pi Kappa Alpha must have the cream of the college men. But no convention ever impressed me with that fact more forcibly than did this New Orleans one. The delegates there were good—every one of them -and Pi Kappa Alpha is certainly to be congratulated in having such a set of men present at this lawmaking meeting. They were there expecting a good time and if appearances indicated anything each and every one of them had it, but they were also there for work. They each had a trust imposed upon him and each fully performed that trust. The attendance at each session was large and the interest taken by each man there was great. Some of them differed with each other, but they were all honestly working for the interests of the Garnet and Old Gold. One could not imagine more generous victors than the Expansionists, and one can not think of a better manner or a braver stand than the Anti-Expansionists took over their defeat. It is just such spirit as that which makes Pi Kappa Alpha what it is, and it is just such unselfish devotion which will always keep Pi Kappa Alpha amongst the first of Greekdom.

Did the devotion, the interest and the work of my associate officers in New Orleans impress me? Well I guess it did. I know there can never be a better, a more efficient and a more interested executive head of our fraternity than Pike Powers, and there never was a finer fellow. As an officer who has been intimately connected with him in the fraternity work for a number of years, I am in a position to appreciate what he has done for the fraternity, and I know what a loss the fraternity has suffered by his inability to continue in that office. That loss would be almost unbearable to think about were

it not for the fact that I believe there was one man in New Orleans who will make as good a Grand Princeps as Powers was, and that is that genial and lovable fellow "The Governor." The delegates knew that also, and while we lost a great executive officer, we nevertheless have a worthy successor. Everybody knows that no fraternity or no organization of any kind could have a better officer than our Grand Treasurer. He simply made more permanent the impression I have always had of him to the effect that he is absolutely necessary to Pi Kappa Alpha, and in fact composes the greater part of his fraternity. What Underwood lacks in size he makes up in zeal, in ability and in his devotion to his fraternity—for the fraternity's sake I hope he may for a long time be its Grand Secretary.

As a whole I think New Orleans the best city to which I have ever been. I think our hosts were the most hospitable I have ever seen. I think the delegates were the best ever and gin fizzes suit my palate better than any of the few other things, with which it has ever come in contact. The convention was one glorious success and I will never forget it.

GRAHAM SALE, Grand Historiographer.

Boys, when it comes to putting my impressions of the Second Bi-ennial Convention on paper I assure you that, if I had literary ability in proportion to the enthusiasm I have had since attending it, I would write a masterpiece that would go down in history. However, I can not refrain from grasping this opportunity to tell the Pi Kappa Alpha world what I thing of it and how proud I am to be the small part of it that I am.

At the convention in New Orleans I held the rather unique position of being both a host and a guest and I therefore feel at liberty to speak from both positions. As a host I believe that I have never had a greater pleasure than welcoming and entertaining the officers and

members of Pi Kappa Alpha. Not entirely because they were fraternity brothers of mine and because I was glad to meet them face to face, but because each and every man from Powers, the Grand Princeps down to "Gee Whiz" Hulme, the "baby" from Georgia, impressed me as being the best of good fellows.

I can not too highly praise the work of the officers whose untiring efforts since the last convention has shown results that has surpassed all records heretofore. I had the honor to be the Chairman of the Committee on Grand Officers' Reports and therefore know the strides that the Fraternity has made and the work that was necessary for this advancement. It was generally regretted that Brothers Powers was unable to lead us for another term but we realize that he has done more than his share of the hard work and are willing to look back on his term of office as the most successful era the Fraternity has had. Now there's Smythe; boys, I believe anything I would say in praise of Smythe after all that has been said would be so inadequate that it would sound like a I was like all of you who had not met him, well, I did at New Orleans and I assure you it was one of my greatest pleasures at the convention. I will always remember the warm hand shake and the amiable smile of "Guv'nor" Hughes whom we all welcome as our new Chief Executive. Sale was as fat and amiable as the "Guv'nor" and the manner in which he was elected plainly shows what the members think of him. How although Smythe persists in saying he is "knee high to an ink bottle" I like Underwood and I was delighted to see him re-elected to the position he has so capably filled. The individual members were up to what I expected them to be and it was indeed a pleasure to meet so many IIs together.

Among the numerous important questions that were so systematically and completely settled, I believe the most important work of the convention was the ultimate disposal of the famous question of "Expansion." This ques-

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CHARLES W. UNDERWOOD, Chi, Grand Secretary.

tion which has been debated for so many years and which was so carefully discussed at the sessions in New Orleans has now been completely settled to the satisfaction of both sides. This was unquestionably the best work done at the sessions and had it been the only thing done it would have been well worth while convening for. lieve it will be the commencement of the greatest era that Pi Kappa Alpha has ever seen and it will place her on a basis equal to any fraternity in the Pan-Hellenic World, within a very few years. Before closing on this subject I must say something about the way the brothers who opposed "Expansion" gracefully bowed to the will of the majority. I have never seen any faction put such a manly and clean fight. They were true to their chapters and put up a strong fight but when they were defeated they showed the true Pi Kappa Alpha spirit and when their spokesman made his speech stating that they intended to fight as hard for the advancement of the Fraternity as they fought against expansion, I was truly proud to call them "Brother."

At the social functions I enjoyed myself better than I ever have at any similar affairs and it was the greatest disappointment I have ever experienced to have to leave the city before the banquet.

Most of you may remember that in my chapter letters for the past year I predicted, when I was begging you all to come, that the New Orleans Convention was going to be the greatest in the history of Pi Kappa Alpha, well, I now want to ask you; was it?

ROBERT A. STRONG, M. D., Alumnus of Eta. Christian, Miss., May the seventeenth.

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Having just received Brother Smythe's letter asking for my impressions of the Convention, I will try, which will be a very hard thing to do, to give a few of the many impressions of the Second Bi-ennial Convention made on me. First, I think there is no comparison in the last two Conventions. I do not mean to say the Richmond Convention was not a great one, but that the last one at New Orleans was still greater. It is worth any one's times to visit a convention to meet the Grand Officers and find how much these men have at heart the fraternity. I believe it would make you feel like going back to your chapter resolved to do more than you have ever done in the past. The alumni and delegates were a grand bunch of fellows. They all came there willing to do what was best for the fraternity, ready to abide by whatever decision the majority made and all went back to their respective homes and colleges with a stronger impression of their fraternity.

The most forcible impression to my mind was something like this: The chapters do not want to initiate a single man that does not represent the true type of a II. Though your chapter may be small at times you will have the best chapter in your college. When every chapter in II K A make this their standard we will be recognized as one of the best and our foundation will be firm.

We do not want to take any chances, so do not let your chapter hinder the progress of the whole Fraternity. It certainly does not take the largest chapter enrollment to rank with the best.

Let's all meet at Knoxville two years hence, three hundred or more strong, to make that a still better convention. If the Knoxville IIs come up to the New Orleans IIs they sure will have to go some! Do not know how they did it and think I can truthfully say that their hospitality has never yet been excelled. What they did for us was appreciated to the fullest extent and will not soon be forgotten.

JOHN U. FIELD, Alumnus of Kappa.

Here I am as usual, late. I did not date this letter for I didn't know the date, and hardly know the place.

If you remember the second day of the Convention I had to go back to the office and shortly after you heard from me the last time, I was sent up here in the woods.

Am a compass man for timber people and while in the woods hardly get an opportunity or a place to write. In fact, we only get mail maybe every two, three or four weeks; and send mail at the same intervals.

At present all I can say of the Convention is:

The members impressed me as being the best set of men on earth wearing badges of the same design and having in their hearts the same true and noble spirit.

The officers impressed me as being the most capable men and deserving to lead the wearers of the Shield and Diamond through all difficulties to success.

The work of the Convention, I am sorry to say I can not pass my opinion on as I was able only to attend the business sessions occasionally. The Fraternity impressed me as the leading Fraternity in the South and one that bids fair to rival any in America in the near future. In fact, it impressed me so favorably that I wonder that there is any other Greek letter Society in existence.

And how I enjoyed the social functions. Well, I hope I'll be as happy when I get married, for the presence of beautiful women make the saddest man happy!

Of course, I know you will just throw this in the waste basket, first because its written on both sides of the paper and second and third and so on just "because." But I am sorry indeed that I can not write better for I am proud of Pi Kappa Alpha and want everybody to know it. Yet these woods and the life I am compelled to live while in them prevents me from enjoying any phase of civilization.

Though savage as I may be at present II K A is never forgotten.

The woods of North Louisiana and Southern Arkansas are enough to drive any man crazy, and if they succeed in driving me there, I believe I'll still remember II K A, the Convention and the men who attended it for they impressed me so favorably that nothing connected with the Fraternity can ever be forgotten.

JOSEPH F. WARD, Alumnus of Eta.

I have been told that I was expected to write my impressions of the Convention for the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and any of you who have ever been to a Convention know by whom I have been told, and know further that it is worse than useless to endeavor to disregard or side-step, as it were, instructions from our "Red-Ribbon" brother. It is necessary, therefore, that I endeavor, as best I can, to give in a few words, the impressions the New Orleans Convention has left upon my mind.

First, perhaps, I should say something about the personnel of the Convention. And let me state right here that anything I could say would not adequately express the great pleasure I had in meeting and knowing so many enthusiastic brothers. As a body they were simply great. and as individuals I shall never forget them, and shall always bear in my heart a loving memory of those noble Knights of the Garnet and Gold. Coming from all over our Southland, and representing as they did our foremost institutions of learning, they bore convincing testimony to the wisdom of our chapters in the selection of men to uphold the principles and aims of Pi Kappa Alpha. The delegates individually and collectively were a body of men of which any fraternity could well feel proud. The alumni brothers in their every act emphasized the fact that they had the interests of Pi Kappa Alpha at heart: and the Fraternity, I am sure, appreciates their loyalty and devotion.

The New Orleans brothers and those from around that great old city, as hosts of the Convention, out-did themselves in the matter of entertainment. Who can forget that Spaghetti Supper in Portuguese Hall, over which J. M. Koelle presided with so much grace and tact? And who loes not remember the comparison presented between the laborious efforts of some of the brothers to dispose of the spaghetti and the ability in that direction displayed by "Governor" Hughes and Ferdinand? And who did not notice that "Red Ribbon" ate hardly at all? Nor can we

forget Ward's tale of the package which was never opened; nor the fact that Smythe consumed his speech on the way to New Orleans; nor Hughes' glowing tribute to woman, which was entirely founded in fact. Nor can we forget the weird music dispensed by the Portuguese band, nor the coon songs furnished by the "committee of three."

Greatest of all, however, was the reception and dance tendered by the New Orleans chapters. This was, to my mind, the most interesting feature of the Convention. It was a great pleasure to meet the Pi sisters and the other lovely girls of New Orleans who graced the entertainment, and whose charming smile and attractive personality lent color to a brilliant and happy occasion.

It was great to see our (old) married brothers trying to pass as unsuspecting heart-free vouths. It was greater still to see our "Governor" trying to prove that he was unmarried; and his wonderful success is evidenced by the fact that, upon good authority, he is to be married before the next Convention. And what of Powers? The prattle of his tongue, as he lightly floated o'er the floor, must have well nigh drowned the distant patter of little feet. Sale. oh, my! he was not satisfied with one girl, as was the "Governor," but must needs make love to a dozen or more; and right well did he keep his secret until he tried the "Governor's" girl. Then it was all up with him, for it seems that the "Governor" had provided against interference from that quarter, and had imparted certain information that effectively disposed of Sale's chances. hesitate to speak of "Red Ribbon" Smythe, fearing, indeed, that he will take advantage of the difference in size and wreak personal vengeance upon me. However that may be. I feel that I should say that instead of chaperoning the Grand Secretary (which he frequently stated he was doing), and thereby carrying out most imperative instructions, the Grand Secretary had all he could do to keep the Grand Treasurer out of serious matrimonial difficulties: which latter fact explains why it was that the

Grand Secretary came away from the dance "heart whole and fancy free." Altogether, the dance was a most successful one, and no feature of the Convention was more enjoyed.

The banquet was a fitting climax to a delightful three days stay in New Orleans. After all the speeches had been made, and all the toasts drunk, and with the dawn but a few hours off, the Convention ended in a blaze of glory and a burst (bust) of song.

It was a great pleasure to meet those present at the Convention, and to be so charmingly entertained by the brothers in New Orleans, and especially are our thanks due to Orloff Henry—one of nature's noblemen—who was always ready to minister to the comfort and convenience of all. And there were the two Koelles, and Dr. Strong, and Ward, and Jones, and Atkinson, and Hudson, and a host of others whom lack of space forbids me mentioning. I can not refrain from saying how sorry I was that Floyd Hughes, and Sam Lacy and McSween and a number of others were absent, but it is to be hoped that all of them will be at Knoxville in 1911.

A great deal of work was accomplished by the Convention, and the delegates are to be congratulated upon the knowledge displayed by them of the matters that came up for consideration.

Northern extension is now an assured fact, and it is hoped that the near future will see Pi Kappa Alpha installed in a number of our colleges and universities north of the Mason and Dixon line. However, the policy of the Supreme Council in this respect is going to be very conservative, and petitioners must stand high in the college life to be assured of success. If Pi Kappa Alpha can't go in on the ground floor, then Pi Kappa Alpha doesn't intend to go in at all. A weak chapter in a Northern university, surrounded as it would be by stronger and wealthier chapters, would be worse than useless, and those delegates who fought expansion so nobly and well, need have

no fear that the Supreme Council will permit the standard of Pi Kappa Alpha to be lowered by the acquisition of a chapter unworthy of the name. The Supreme Council intends to be guided solely by quality and not by quantity.

The division of the fraternity into districts, and the appointment of Inspectors, should have a wholesome effect upon the fraternity in general, and should do much towards eradicating the somewhat loose system of reports that heretofore existed. The districting of the fraternity makes possible District Conventions, which should enable whole chapters to meet each other, and thus by the interchange of ideas great mutual benefit should result.

Altogether, the New Orleans Convention of 1909 should be the beginning of a new era of prosperity and success for Pi Kappa Alpha. Questions that have been discussed pro and con almost since the foundation of the fraternity have now been settled, and Pi Kappa Alpha should and will go forward faster than ever.

CHARLES W. UNDERWOOD. Grand Secretary.

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Just how I was impressed, just exactly how much pleasure I experienced just how much I learned of the fraternity and its workings at the convention held in New Orleans would be difficult to state. Yet, I can reduce the difficulty of the problem somewhat by summing it all up under the head of pleasure derived—for it was one continual round of pleasure for me from the time I began to meet brothers from our chapters in North Carolina on through the work of the Convention and the social features to the time when I bade the last farewell to the brothers from Alpha and Pi in Danville, Va.,—and say, not that it was one of the most pleasant, but the most pleasant trip I ever had.

From the very first, I could not help being strongly impressed with the personality of the men who were giving around freely our prized grip. I felt proud of them and of the fact that I belong to the same fraternity as they.

Naturally, I expected great things of them, nor was I disappointed in this, for the strong brotherly spirit exhibited throughout the convention, even during the heat of and after the fight was over for extension, betokened a fraternal spirit and broad-mindness that I could scarcely have believed possible in mere human beings had I not witnessed it with my own eyes.

As to the members of the fraternity, the delegates, were the first that I came in contact with, naturally, I formed my opinion of them first. Next, however, I began to study the officers of our fraternity. Here again, I was expecting big things. Our officers collectively, are known as the Supreme Council. Now, the word 'supreme,' taken in connection with 'council,' carries immense weight, and it was but natural that I should expect great things of such a body of men. Again, I was not disappointed. conservatism with which they viewed the "burning questions" of the convention, questions in which they were quite as much interested, if not more so, as the delegates, and the manner in which they refrained from taking an active part in the fights, could but impress the delegates most favorably. Add to this a strong fraternity spirit and unlimited enthusiasm over the Convention, and I ask, is it any wonder that we left the Convention with such an enthusiastic opinion and warm regard for the Supreme Council of Pi Kappa Alpha?

The work of the convention, and there was plenty of it, was conducted in such a business like way as to make it one of the pleasures of the convention. Order and method characterized each day's proceedings throughout, and the writer ventures to state his belief that if any men were present who had never taken any active part in the work of our fraternity, he did not leave without having gained an added respect and love for old Pi Kappa Alpha.

In writing of impressions of the convention, no paper would be complete that did not mention the social functions, for it was this phase of the convention that broke the monotony of and gave zest to the work. The writer will never forget the joviality of the "Spaghetti Supper," the merriness of the reception and dance, nor the eloquence and general good time of the banquet. Memories of these will ever be treasured in his bosom as the fondest of a life-time

Judging by all the various features of the convention, the writer was more convinced than ever of the belief that he already entertained that ours is the strongest of all the fraternities in true fraternal spirit, has higher ideals than others, and that, under the present system of management, must continue to go ahead in its progressive march toward what is the summit of the writer's ambition for his fraternity, the strongest fraternity in the South.

J. H. BRENT, Gamma.

Every once in a long while there comes to every man, in the embryo stage, the solemn conviction that he has at last attained the supreme moment of his young life,—notwithstanding the many previous convictions of like nature. Undoubtedly some one of these moments is the "very supremest" of all the other moments, and so I know that Convention in old New Orleans was the moment of my life—that "the" is in small capitals only because I know it would give one of our well-known brothers a deal of trouble to transfer his red ribbon to his printing press.

But that's another story,—and one of which we are often very forcibly reminded,—while the theme that interests me just now is that of all the good fellows I learned to know at the Convention. There they were, from Kentucky, Arkansas, Missouri, Alabama, the Carolinas, Georgia, Virginia, Mississippi, Tennessee, West Virginia, Florida, and scores of them from good old Louisiana.

How many more states could they hail from next time? But they can come from the four corners of the earth, so far as I am concerned, if they are all of the same quality as those II's at the Convention. I remember at one of the

meetings as I looked around on them all, the thought came over me of what a cracking good chapter that bunch would make,—a trifle large, maybe, but they would be a banner chapter that never would give Brother Smythe any trouble, and, of course, harmony would prevail since the extension question has been settled! And a still finer crowd they would make with some of our officers for S. M. Cs.

And speaking of those officers, it was certainly good to know them in the flesh. After leaving Atlanta, on the journey down, one of the II's discovered a very young looking man on the train whom he took to be none other than the Grand Treasurer. After the news was spread, and we had shaken his hand, we breathed easier and some of our awe left us when he referred to the rather diminutive individual beside him, thus-"That's Underwood." well. everybody will have long forgotten how little Brother Underwood is, before the memory of his big heart, his enthusiasm, his good fellowship and his great worth, ever fades. It was worth a trip to New Orleans to have the pleasure of taking part of it with Robert Adger Smythe and Charles Walton Underwood. One of the first persons to hail me at the St. Charles was big Graham Sale. Pi's stellar alumnus in the fraternity firmanent. Glad as I was to see him, I was even prouder of him all through the Convention. A great pleasure awaited me when we first assembled—that of meeting our beloved Grand Princeps and the jovial, staunch "Governor" Hughes. Every one was impressed with the dignity with which Brother Power presided over those meetings, and yet he had the rare power of combining with his dignity and abundance of good humor, which endeared him to us all the more. And upon his resignation the election of the Hon. J. Gordon Hughes to that high seat is but an attestation of the esteem in which both are held. Who was there but grew to love that genial, kindly man we elected as our Grand Chaplain,—Dr. Summey. He is indeed a noble II, and added much to our visit. Yes, those officers are great,

and I never want to meet a finer, more cultured group of gentlemen than they. We have done well to put them, together with Brother Floyd Hughes and Brother Riddick, at the helm. Every one of them has done his duty nobly, and while they are in their respective offices, there is no fear that Pi Kappa Alpha will be lacking in a wise, just and honorable administration

With the officers we have and with such a body of men working with them, there is little wonder that the last was the Convention. The work was thoroughly done and the whole Convention was perfectly organized. Every one was deeply interested and however divergent the views of individual members may have been, it was quite obvious that each man had an eye single to the advancement and strengthening of Pi Kappa Alpha. Hence, the work, though necessarily repidly done, was of inestimable value to the fraternity, the men who were so fortunate as to be there, and, through them to the chapters.

All of these things served better than all of the fraternity publications and the talks of those who have attended former conventions to give me an idea of what the Fraternity really is and of what it means or should mean to every II. With such a convention, with such spirit and such men, we have a Fraternity of which we must feel justly proud. They are the type of men who make one really feel that he is a member of a fraternity which stands for the cleanest, the strongest and the best, not only in college life, but also out in the University of the World. The work of that convention and the excellent chapter reports all show great progress, unbounded enthusiasm and a development which is almost marvelous. idea of the Fraternity, there conveyed and given definite form, made the desire stronger within me than ever before to be of some real value to the organization which is of such unmeasurable value to me.

No recount of those glad days is in any sense complete without an attempt to express in some terms my enjoy-

ment of the delightful social functions tendered us. There was, first, that unique spaghetti supper, the memories of which we will laugh over for many more such gatherings. There formality was thrown to the winds and every man seemed so imbued with the abundant good fellowship, that I know of nothing which could have been more appropriate to the time, place and event. I think the delights of that beautifully arranged dance on the following night are best described in the words of one, who occupies a high seat among the mighty,—now a busy citizen of Atlanta, but who knew so long the delights of Charleston's exclusive society,—when he declared, "That was the prettiest and most enjoyable affair I ever attended." He ought to have had his red ribbon machine there!

And then the banquet! What a finale to one round of pleasure, coupled with hard work, was that elegantly appointed and delightfully served benquet! I wish I could remember all the toasts, but their whole-souled, enthusiastic spirit best conveys an idea of the pleasure of that night. I don't think a man there would have missed it for worlds, and if those who did could get half an idea of its pleasures they would never cease to regret absenting themselves.

But I could ramble on in this reminiscent strain until our editor, instead of issuing red, white and blue commands for "more copy," would demand my expulsion for attempting a "corner" on the magazine. However, I can not stop without trying to give some expression of my thanks for and appreciation of the hospitality and attentions so warmly bestowed by the members of Eta and Alumnus Eta—thank Heaven, another Virginian even more than a ceutury ago knew a good thing when he saw it, made that Louisiana purchase! Those fellows down there have made it hard to forget their city long enough to think of going to Knoxville, but I earnestly hope that

by the Spring of 1911 every Pi who was at New Orleans will be ready to report to the third Bi-ennial. Best wishes to all of them.

LAWRENCE CLAIBORNE WITTEN, Pi.

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It was a welcome surprise to the writer to have had the honor of representing Omicron Chapter, at the New Orleans Convention of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity in April last.

As the train was boarded, that was to take me so far from my native city, I felt that I was beginning a trip through new scenes, new cities, new states, but still our Southland, and it was a revelation to me to see in reality what had never been fully realized,—the new South.

It was with a feeling of pride that I stepped off at New Orleans, and met with a reception that was whole souled and cordial, and to be within the circle of my new made friends and brothers was the crowning pleasure of the week. Seldom, if ever, has it been my good fortune to have met such a splendid body of men. Young, enthusiastic and with healthy ambitions that will conquer every obstacle to their ultimate success. Gifted in speech, broad in their views, and big in their ideals, Pi Kappa Alpha need well be proud of her representatives.

This is an age of young men, and it was good to see the positions of trust and responsibility of the Fraternity presided over by young men. In these they "quitted themselves like men," with credit to themselves, and honor to the Fraternity.

The men of Eta Chapter left nothing undone that would contribute in any way to the pleasure of every visiting II, and their untiring efforts in our behalf will ever be a pleasant memory.

The three days of the convention passed all too quickly, and the leave-taking time came all too soon. There can

be no doubt of the success of the Convention, and every one turned his face homeward prouder than ever to wear the Shield and Diamond.

Long live Eta,—Forever live Pi Kappa Alpha. R. McLean Whittet, Omicron.

No one ever gets a true conception of the spirit and workings of a Fraternity until he has attended a Convention. I wish it were possible that every member of the Fraternity could attend at least one convention. But since that can not be, I think it is the duty of every delegate to bring back to his chapter the spirit, enthusiasm, and renewal of interest that he has gained by the associations and hand-shakes of his brothers at the Convention.

One of the most impressive things was the spirit and harmony of the delegates in all their workings. While there were opposition to some of the questions at issue, the defeated side always joined in heart and hand with the victorious side. The most striking example of this was when the vote on Northern Expansion was announced. No sooner was it was announced than the defeated side, who had worked so earnestly and conscientiously, rose and gave three cheers for Expansion.

Another impressive thing was the spirit and interest of the alumni present. The strength of a Fraternity depends a great deal upon the strength and interest of the alumni.

I am sure the impressions made by the hospitality that was shown us will ever be a pleasant memory to every member present. No stronger evidence could have been given to show us that the Fraternity is made up of the true Southern Spirit.

Tom O. Galloway, Psi.

Of course my impressions were all pleasant, they could not be otherwise.

The biggest impression was made by the members of the Fraternity. It sure made a fellow feel good to meet a



ROBERT A. SMYTHE, Lambda. Grand Treasurer and Business Manager II K A Publications.

bunch of men such as they were and to know that they belong to the same fraternity.

The officers impressed me as being able men with a great love for the fraternity and full of a desire to fulfil their duties in a way that would best promote her interests.

I thought there was one thing that could be improved in the work of the convention. There were too many delegates present who were content to sit still and let others do the talking. While no doubt they were just as interested as the speakers and as keenly alive as to what they thought were the best interests of the fraternity, they should have done a little talking themselves. They may claim and justly, I reckon, that we fellows with the expansion bee buzzing so loudly in our heads didn't give anybody else a chance to talk. But that was just the time they ought to have had their little say.

All in all I certainly was favorably impressed with my Fraternity and I want to say right here that if there is any II K A anywhere, and I hope there isn't, who is at times a little doubtful as to his doing the best thing by joining the fraternity, let him go to the next convention. He will come away with the conviction that he is a member of the best of them all and with a love for the old fraternity that will never waver.

And those New Orleans fellows sure do know how to entertain, as I write I am looking at that work of art the menu of the Spaghetti Supper and the memory of that Dago cheese even yet causes a queer feeling in my "innerds."

The reception and dance and the final banquet were all great and too great credit can not be given to Alumnus Eta and Eta for the fine time they gave us.

Of course I came home happy. I have only had one thought since I became a II and that was Northern Expansion and I am mighty glad that I was present as a delegate to the convention which made Pi Kappa Alpha a truly national fraternity.

New Orleans, the II's and II sisters I met, and the "Gee Whizzes" will always remain a pleasant memory with me and if there is any way for me to be in Knoxville in 1911 I surely will be there and any other II who can, but does not go will miss the time of his life.

T. S. Dunn, Alpha-Kappa.

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The most delectable of all good times, I think was had by the members of the II K A Fraternity, who were fortunate enough to be at our last convention; and to bestow upon ourselves the pleasure of meeting our brothers who came from all over the Sunny South. These brothers were the most eager and zealous lot that could have assembled, they far surpassing my conception of the men who were II K A badges.

Having chimerically obtained the information that the Supreme Council and Grand Officers were grandeurous men exceedingly jealous for want of a crop of hair; it was quite surprising to become aware of the fact that our officers were boys and one practically a baby (in size) but like the rest has the knowledge and power of doing great things, these young fellows who are at the head of our beloved Fraternity are as congenial and friendly as any body of boys could be. Notwithstanding the fact that some of them are daddies, their spirit of childhood still clings to them, this being accentuated after our first evening's entertainment.

We had a fine time and when our business meetings were in session we were ever anxious to do something that would be for the best of the Fraternity and this is what we attempted to do. The meetings were carried on in a quiet business like manner having good attendance at all times. Being unaware of what the changes we made in the Constitution or what we added may cause, all were done for what we thought to be to our advantage.

Our Fraternity taken all in all has been the most propressing and prosperous one in our land, having predomi-

nated the South, and now as we have decided to put forth our utmost efforts and go into the North, the time will come when we will be looked up to throughout our country; instead of as it is now, when a Northerner sees a II K A badge he naturally thinks it's a local club for he never saw one of our badges or ever heard of the Fraternity before. Being informed that we are over forty years old, he is astonished and says that he is far behind the time. Our Fraternity which is the growing Fraternity of our country and with the best men of the South as leaders, how can it help from doing as it has in the past?

Of the hospitality of our hosts nothing but praise of the highest sort can be said, the first evening's entertainment was a Spaghetti Supper which was the most unique yet more enjoyable than any supper that I ever attended. Among the many drinks to be had were river water, white water. ice water, and extra wet water, of which the last was most refreshing after eating a few vards of spaghetti. while it was quite amusing to see the boys as well as myself trying to wind it around a fork so as to get a mouthful of the delicious food. The kindness of our hosts was again shown on Thursday evening in the form of a dance given in the beautiful hall known as the Palm Garden and with the most beautiful and attractive damsels of the city present it is useless to say as to what kind of a time we had, but in the least it was and will be remembered as one of the most highly pleasing entertainments of the Convention. At the banquet the following evening every one was filled with the most palatable edibles of the season while apollinaris Water took up a small portion of the space. While eating the room was filled with the sounds of appropriate toasts given by the different members of the Fraternity. This last convention should and will be recorded as one of the most successful meetings of our Fraternity.

G. E. GOODWIN, Omega.

No member of the II K A Fraternity can realize what that brotherhood means to him until he get the opportunity to attend one of its conventions. Meeting with some of the best men of the South on April the 14th, meant a great deal to me and to my chapter. They impressed me as being men that will become the leading citizens of America in the near future. Moreover they made a deep impression upon me as to their character. They were men who knew how to conduct themselves gentlemanly; they were very sociable at all times; they were men who were firm to their decision in life.

The officers were about the best class of men that we could have for the place. The faithful service which they rendered us, made a very deep impression upon me. I think they well deserve the honor and praise from all the Fraternity. They were men who could fill with ease the positions which they held.

The Convention was very interesting. All took active part in the meetings. I was greatly impressed with the discussions on various subjects in which each chapter took part. The work of the convention put new vigor in make It helped me to understand the workings of the whole Fraternity. The work of the convention enrolled each chapter to know what the other chapters were doing. I don't think the working of the convention could be carried on in any other way.

Although I feel that our Fraternity has some noble men in it and know that we join heart and hand in everything which is calculated to bring honor upon the whole Fraternity, yet there are some thing which were lacking which we mean to try to improve in our chapter so we can say that Theta is among the best.

The Spaghetti Supper brought me back to the time when I dwelt in the Crescent City. It brought to me pleasant memories of the happy days which I spent in that city eating spaghetti.

Although I could not take part in the dance, I spent several hours admiring the couples that adorned the floor of the Palm Garden, while the music poured forth its sweet refrains. I can well say that New Orleans should praise her fair maidens for we all admire the queenly woman of the South. The banquet could not be surpassed. I had a very pleasant time and enjoyed the appropriate toasts. I don't know that I ever in my life had a more enjoyable time during the three days spent in the Crescent City of the South. It was with deep regret that we bade each other good-bye to return to our several colleges, but one could look to the future when the II's will meet once again at Knoxville to meet together for one specific purpose.

J. C. McQueen, Theta.

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The night of April 13th was spent in meeting and greeting one another, which was by no means the least pleasure of the Convention.

The members representing the Chapters from Alpha Mu inclusive, were indeed true IIs. It is also true that the Alumni were equally as good a body of true young IIs as the Chapter representatives; each upheld the standard which they represented in every respect. Their personality was all that is attractive, their efforts showed only the real good to be accomplished, while friendship, true and tried existed throughout the several meetings.

The convention was called together by Grand Princeps J. Pike Powers, Jr., who, although he is experienced in the trust, yet he deserves especial credit for his unusual capacity for executive ability shown in such an exceedingly pleasing way on this occasion.

The roll was called by Grand Secretary C. W. Underwood whose height might be considered under the average, yet his ability and wit always brings him above mediocrity.

When the report of the Grand Treasurer was called and responded to by Robert A. Smythe of Georgia, how could we expect other than an acceptable report from such a clever head, "although his head is shy of hair" on outward appearance, but is rather "gray" on the inside.

Brother Sale's hearty cheers to Eta Chapter after the ball was over left him unable to respond to duty next day among the Supreme Council.

The work of our Fraternity of two years was reveiwed and all the ground covered; plans were made for the two following years, all of which was arranged very satisfactorily in three days. This proves that no more capable a Supreme Council could be selected to carry on this trustworthy and important work.

We have been a National fraternity nearly one month now, and are the weakest among many Nationals. We all know that we were the strongest among the Southern fraternity, and with our good standard of brotherhood that has been upheld throughout the South and has brought us to the front with these same standards throughout the Nation, together with the aid of us all, II K A will have Old Gold and Garnett above them all.

Alumnus and active Eta deserve nine RAHS from II K A for their royal social functions given in their honor at the Convention; above all we must not forget the sphagetti supper, although it was just the beginning of the pleasant social occurrences in the Crescent City.

The following evening they again made us her debtors with a very enjoyable dance with our many sisters of the city.

Last came the banquet, where were assembled many hard-boiled shirts and frock-tailed coats, covering as many true hearted IIs as were ever before gathered together; all the toasts were responded to with much gusto.

The only sad occurrence was when the many departing trains were clanging, reminding us that we must say good-bye and take our departure from scenes of so much pleasure.

Impressions were made with each and all of us throughout the South which will continue fresh in our minds until the next Convention in Knoxville.

LESTER W. KELLNER, Alpha-Lambda.

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To give anything like a correct impression of the Second Bi-ennial Convention, held in New Orleans, in all its richness of pleasure and benefit, would be a most difficult task were we given unlimited space, but to attempt to include it all within the compass of an article of a few hundred words is enought to tax the condensing powers of an examination paper specialist. Suffice it to sav that I am still full of everything that happened there, even the sphagetti supper. I am also glad to say that Delta Chapter has been able to embibe such an inspiration from this convention that she is planning to carry en masse her alumni and her active members to the next one in Knoxville in 1911. At least there will be one of that bunch there, and I hope especially to meet again all the brothers whom I met in New Orleans with their wives. their children, and their twins.

In regard to my impressions of the members who composed the Convention of 1909, I desire to say in all candor that I could not have hoped for a finer, more cultured, loyal, enthusiastic bunch of fraternity men. Besides these qualities, they seemed to be representative men from all departments of collegiate education, a thing in which II K A should feel a just pride. Among these men there existed a warm fraternal spirit, which made you feel the same toward the men from Arkansas, or West Virginia, as toward your own chapter brother—a spirit in which I now believe no fraternity in the United States excels the youngest national fraternity, Pi Kappa Alpha. But above all else, there seemed to be in these members a persistent determination for the upbuilding

of II K A, which is to work most mightily in an effort to make her the foremost college fraternity of America. In conclusion from the representatives of the chapters present at New Orleans, we would say, that Pi Kappa Alpha only needs more men and not better men, for I have never seen a body of fraternity men more nearly embodying the highest ideals of fraternalism.

As to the officers, using a current expression, I will say that they were "simply great" from the imposing height of our handsome Grand Historiographer to the much reduced stature of our smiling Grand Secretary. From them I caught the greatest inspiration of the Convention, for to see these busy men of affairs toiling as Smythe, Sale, Powers, Underwood, and the inimitable "Governor" are doing for the Fraternity, is enough to arouse in one a broader conception of the reality of fraternity life, not only during college days, but during the conflicts of after-life as well. As I looked on these men and realized that to the Supreme Council is due most of the credit for Pi Kappa Alpha's progress, I could but think of what she might be if every one of her sons were as loval and enthusiastic in her service as these men who use "red letter" type, ply you with letters relative to deceased alumni and administer duns. seriously, there could not be found a Supreme Council who could strive more zealously to promote and guard Pi Kappa Alpha's interest than our present Grand Officers. All honor to them! May their marked devotion and service arouse a like spirit in us. Then will Pi Kappa Alpha have realized its possibility and become truly great.

The work of the Convention was thorough, systematic, and deliberate in its scope. It showed in its results that there had been work done beforehand in thought and practice. Guided and directed by the Supreme Council, the Convention accomplished much of lasting value. Over the whole assembly there seemed to rest a genuine atmosphere of conservative advancement. There prevailed ab-

solute harmony throughout the sessions. The results I believe of the Convention will be of lasting good, of course, Northern Expansion was the accomplishment of supreme importance, but I also believe that the chapter-house plans, and the general changes in the Constitution will be productive of much benefit. Withall, the Convention was characterized by a sagacious judgment a spirit of conservative advancement and an unbroken harmony which reflects credit on Pi Kappa Alpha, and made the Convention a distinct step forward in her life.

As to the entertainment of the Convention at the hands of the Alumnus Chapter of New Orleans and the active chapter at Tulane, we can not express ourselves in terms commensurate with the need. However, it was superb from the time of arrival in the Crescent City to the time of our departure. A spirit of more intense generosity, and untiring service could not have been found in any host than in these brother Is of New Orleans. I join with the Convention in saving that no assembly of IIs ever before had met with a more elaborate series of social functions than the sphagetti supper, the Reception and Dance, and the Banquet. No more elaborae program could have been prepared. Of course, on the night of the Spaghetti Supper, as Dr. Summey said, there were many of us who did not know whether what we ate was good for the insides or the outside. We put it in the inside though and have never yet had occasion to decry our But on Thursday night a still more elaborate affair awaited us. In the Palm Garden of the St. Charles. we enjoyed a reception and dance which in point of elegance was the most enjoyable function of the Convention. for here we met the wives, the sweethearts, and the friends of our Louisiana brothers, than which a choicer collection of beauty and wit could not have been found in that great State. On Friday night came the Banquet which completed the round of entertainment afforded us by our royal hosts. One who has ever attended one of these banquets knows it charms. Surrounded by delicious viands (for which New Orleans I think is justly famed), amid the flow of eloquence and wit we spent that last evening—an evening of royal fraternity spirit, after which we said good-bye and pledged ourselves to meet at Knoxville. Thus closed the Convention entertainments, which left in our hearts a deep sense of appreciation for those men who had most generously proven themselves true Pi Kappa Alpha's in every sense.

Finally the Convention as a whole was such as to make one proud of the fact that he was a Pi Kappa Alpha. found in New Orleans that broader spirit of the general fraternity, and learned that in many respects our Fraternity was more nearly realizing the higher ideals of fraternalism than many of her sister organizations of like chapters. And above all, caught the breath of the noble determination for Pi Kappa Alpha's greater future as manifested in the Convention in the Crescent City. But as with nothing else was I impressed with the importance of having our alumni and active members attend the Conventions. If this can be done, I believe it will not be long until our Fraternity will be second to none. Therefore let us move a campaign for this result at Knox-Let each individual member, each chapter, and the Supreme Council take this matter up, conscious of the fact that they are most surely advancing Pi Kappa Alpha. Finally to me, the Convention represented the climax of my fraternity life.

V. M. SHAMBURGER, Delta.

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It was my good fortune to visit the old historic city of New Orleans as a delegate from Alpha-Alpha Chapter to the Second Bi-ennial Convention of Pi Kappa Alpha, and it is impossible for me to tell half of what I saw, or how I felt when I reached the convention hall and met hands with the brothers from all over the Sunny South.

There were many acquaintances made there that I will cherish for many years to come, and of all the trips

I may and hope to take in the future I never expect to enjoy any of them quite so much as the trip to New Orleans.

Several features of the Convention impressed me very deeply, and when I saw the interest and working of our officers displayed there, I understood and realized why II K A has made such great progress in the last fifteen or twenty years.

Then the matter of expansion was the greatest move II K A could have made, and I want to say here that the spirit shown by the anti-expansionists towards their expansionists after the vote was something great to see, and with such spirit as that II K A will soon be "The" National Fraternity.

But among the most enjoyable features of this Convention were the social functions. The Spaghetti Supper on the first night was a novelty and that dance on the second night was the swellest ever. Then the farewell banquet was most thoroughly enjoyed. And I want to express my appreciation for the great reception which active and alumni Eta gave us, and I hope to meet a great number of Pi's in Knoxville in 1911.

W. S. STEWART, Alpha-Alpha.

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I am glad to give a few impressions of the Convention. No one's impressions could be otherwise than flattering in the extreme. I feel that it is no exaggeration to say that a body of men, more select, or more closely knit together, could not be found, than were those who met in New Orleans in April.

The zeal, earnestness, and enthusiasm, which ever manifested itself in the men in general and the Supreme Council in particular, was the most conclusive proof possible that Pi Kappa Alpha is made up of the very best material. One of the most characteristic features of the Convention was the utmost good humor and perfect fidelity displayed at all times toward each and every member, even

when there was under discussion questions which called forth opinions most diverse.

Any comment on the success of the Convention without mention of our New Orleans hosts would be incomplete. Recollections of the Spaghetti Supper, so unique in its conception, and of the reception and dance, so splendidly set off with the II "sisters," will be memories which we shall long cherish, and which will serve to bind us all closer to the family circle of Pi Kappa Alpha. Here's hoping we may all meet two years hence and renew in the sparkling waters of the Tennessee mountains, the friendships pledged in the "gin fizzes" of New Orleans!

C. L. WILLIAMS, Alpha-Lambda.

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It was after not a little hesitation that I decided to leave college, and lose a whole week from work, but after seeing what I did at New Orleans, there was nothing left to regret. In fact, a man who has been a frat man in college, where he knows possibly only the few members of his own chapter, and has never attended one of its Conventions, can not understand the workings of the fraternity as a whole.

It was one of the greatest pleasures to me to meet so many fellow II's and especially to see the officers who have for so long guided II K A, and by their unselfish devotion made its existence possible. I shall never forget the hospitality which was shown us, and the alumni who were "thoroughly alive," and remembered with pleasure their college and fraternity days some years ago.

The spirit shown by both officers and members could not have been better than it was, and for busy men to leave their work for some time to attend the Convention was evidence of their loyalty to II K A.

The work of the Convention was carried on well, and though at times debate became warm and promised to

become unpleasant, true loyalty asserted itself when the question had been decided.

The hospitality of Active and Alumnus Eta in the preparations which were made in honor of our coming were greatly enjoyed and appreciated, and I am sure I voice the sentiments of every II who attended, when saying so.

If every member of Pi Kappa Alpha should attend one Convention, it is safe to say there would not be one missing at the roll call of the next, for a fellow can not understand of what he has the honor of being a member until he has watched its minor workings, and seen the feeling shown on such occasions.

And finally, a word to those fellows who were not with us at New Orleans—you certainly missed the time of your life, so begin now in time, make your arrangements, and meet me in Knoxville. With best wishes to all II's.

C. D. HARRALL.

During my nine years in college, and having been intimately connected with students in two colleges and three universities, I feel that I am, at least, a fair judge of character; I say it from the depths of my heart, that the IIs I met in the New Orleans Convention were the best behaved, the most manly in looks, and seemingly as strong in mind as any bunch of like size, I have ever met.

The fact that I was never present at a convention forbids me to criticise or praise our officers—only this—if any convention ever had any better, the honor is theirs, if we never have any worse, I have no fear for II K A's future.

The passing of "The Extension Resolution" was of enough importance, to me, to say the work of the Convention was the best that the Fraternity has ever seen. I have never regretted joining II K A, and will never regret it. We are working as a unit. and are bound to make more rapid strides than any of our sister fraterni-

ties. Ours is the strongest not in numbers, but in character and quality.

As I was one of the honored ones, who had the pleasure of helping to pay the expenses of entertaining our brothers. I will not be so bold as to say that the social functions were the best ever. For my part I enjoyed them and feel that most of the fellows enjoyed them—including the music at Portuguese Hall.

I hope to see many of the same brothers at the Knox-ville Convention.

EARL H. HUNT. Eta.

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The Convention of 1909 is now a thing of the past, but the recollections of the men we met there and of the hospitality received from the hands of Eta and Alumnus Eta will ever be cherished as a precious memory. The Spaghetti Supper for its novelty, the dance for its queenly girls and the banquet for its congeniality and fraternal spirit will long be remembered.

The work of the Convention was conducted in a business manner, each man striving to accomplish some good for the Fraternity. For hours there were heated debates but at no time did the discussion get so warm that the opposing brother forgot the fraternal feeling and binding ties. But as soon as the question was dropped, all were again united in a common cause. Not once did I hear an ungentlemanly remark. I believe as a result of the work done there, the Fraternity will grow stronger and stronger and will be better able in the future to uphold and carry forward the standard of II K A.

I believe there has never been a better set of Grand Officers, and too much praise can not be bestowed upon them. They have toiled as no other set of men would have done; they have accomplished something in placing II K A on an everlasting foundation. So, active members, let us keep in line and help make the new National Fraternity the star of the Grecian World.

New Orleans was very far from some of us and many could not be there. But let us all meet at Knoxville in 1911, and have a grand old time once more.

JNO. R. MERCER. Tau.

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It is in my estimation beyond the power of words, to express my exact feeling, gratitude and inpressions, our grand and successful Convention of 1909 has had on me. I feel it not only a pleasure but a duty, to extend my appreciations to those loyal chapters, Eta and Alumnus Eta.

Brothers, during my short but sweet stay with New Orleans' loyal chapters I can truthfully state I never shall forget their kind hospitality towards me and the good time I had while there. The impression I received was entirely brotherly love and I am confident all who were present found it the same.

In my estimation we could not find from the North to South from East to West a nicer set of men to hold the honor of our Grand Officers. They are men of character, intellect, and true, is not the word for their interest in our beloved order II K A.

The working of the Convention from beginning to end passed off beautifully I had several outsiders ask me in the hotel, "How did we accomplish so much in the time we had" I replied "Our system." There was an interesting spirit at every meeting which acted as one in such a way you could not help but devote your entire attention to what was being said, and I never found during my entire stay a dry and dreary meeting. In fact, I enjoyed them as much as the social functions.

I want to also say a few words in regard to how I was impressed by the Fraternity judging by it all. There was not a man present whom I would not cherish for a brother. I never saw one who I ever thought I could dislike, I never saw one who I thought was not loyal to wear the Shield and Diamond. I am convinced we

have as fine a set of men in our Fraternity as could be found and let us hope we will grow stronger every year.

Too much praise can not be given our hosts. night we marched down several old quaint streets in the old French section to Portuguese Hall where the most unique supper was served to us. We also enjoyed several speeches and the short talks rendered from some of the delegates. The next night we had the pleasure of dancing the light fantastic with the charming and graceful New Orleans belles. This dance certainly was enjoyed by all and when the sweet notes of "Home. Sweet Home" filled the air a sadness swept over all for those few moments to think we would soon all be separated. The last night came our farewell banquet. This proved to be a success The talks and responses were exto all who attended. cellent and our toastmaster proved himself to be an ideal one. Robert A. Smythe (known at the Convention as "Red Ribbon" Smythe.)

It is the wish and present intention of the writer to be present at Knoxville. Now with expansion let us all pull together and by that time have many new chapters. We should all feel proud of our grand and able order and now with this feeling let's place it in the hearts of others.

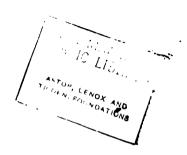
LEWIS K. RILEY, JR., Alpha Eta.

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The Second Bi-ennial Convention has been recorded, and in a sense is passed, but by no means is she forgotten. The enjoyable impressions made upon all, so fortunate as to be present, will long hold cherished spots in our memories. For who can forget the days so delightfully spent in that glorious old city of New Orleans, or cease to remember the hearty handshakes and brotherly intercourse so sweet to all of us. But isn't it tame when reproduced in this manner, as compared with the real thing?



GRAHAM SALE, Pi, Grand Historiographer.



Absent brother, resolve now that these tastes of the Conventions that you get through the SHIELD AND DIAMOND are insufficient to satisfy your desires: that the pleasures of knowing representatives from each branch of our great and growing family must be yours: that Pi Kappa Alpha can't continue to have her peerless officers (with jokes on each) and you alike ignorant of both the former's acquaintance, and the latter's significance. In short, make up your mind to check the inestimable loss accruing to you from your absence from such gatherings as the two Bi-ennial conventions of our beloved order. resentatives of such a type as those we were so recently proud to call brothers serves to cement a fellow more closely to his fraternity, to give him an interest in every chapter through his acquaintance with each delegate, and to make him prouder than ever that he is a wearer of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND. Furthermore, he is brought into class touch with the very essence of his frat through its Grand Officers of whom every loyal II is so justly proud. And it is worth the trip just to see the zeal and patience which they put into their labors for the welfare of Pi Kappa Alpha. Busy men as they all are they can find the time to leave their respective duties to counsel and deliberate with the delegates of less mature years. However, of all the impressions that I received in New Orleans few were more striking that the purposeful bent of each delegate to the betterment of the Fraternity. They showed that pleasure alone was not their aim in making the trip, but instead they had come with the determination to effect every possible change that would improve the order and advance her interests.

And now I have indulged in these pleasing reveries too long, but the end is not yet. To bring this to a close without an acknowledgement of the bountiful expressions of genuine hospitality showed by the Eta chapters (both active and alumnus) would be indeed barbaric. Absent brother, it is impossible to portray to your mind success-

fully the delightfully ludicrous experiences of the unique Spaghetti Supper or to give you a glimpse of the matchless ball which we enjoyed to such a late hour the second night, not to attempt a description of the memorable banquet with it heartfelt toasts. Brothers, each function planned and executed reflected honor and glory upon each and every member of the local chapters who labored so assiduously and successfully for our pleasure while within their borders. Brothers, one and all we know not how to express adequately our appreciation so we anxiously await the time when we can show you by other than empty words all that our hearts feel. May 1911 witness a reclasping of all the hands which a few days ago joined for the first time in New Orleans.

P. TULANE ATKINSON, Iota.

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Was there ever a finer body of young men assembled anywhere than at the New Orleans Convention? Ask this question of any one who was present and and it is safe to say that the answer will be in the negative. Each member present seemed to be imbued with the principles on which our fraternity was founded. The spirit of loyalty to II K A and to each other seemed to be uppermost in all, their common aim seemed centered on one thought, the betterment of II K A, and their efforts in this direction can only be fully appreciated by those who were there. As to their conduct, it is not necessary to touch upon that. They're IIs.

Too much can not be said in praise of our officers. It was alone worth the trip to New Orleans to become personally acquainted with the men who are at the head of our order and who so faithfully uphold the standard of II K A. An inspiration for more and better work for the fraternity was gotten from personal acquaintance with the members of the Supreme Council who have done so much to make the fraternity what it now is.

A great deal of work was done to say the least, while the convention was in session. Many questions and important ones were disposed of in a satisfactory and logical way. Each delegate gave the impression that he was striving to do his duty as it appeared to him. On some questions quite a good deal of rivalry was shown, but in a friendly fair-minded way and no one can say that any motion was "railroaded" through by any unfair advantage. The work of the various committees, so satisfactorily performed, is to be highly commended.

Probably no one is in better position to answer the question "What is Pi Kappa Alpha doing?," than the delegates to the New Orleans Convention. Each heard the record of the Fraternity for the past two years and to say it was pleasing would be expressing it mildly indeed. The internal strength of the Fraternity can not be doubted. The various reports heard by the Convention all tended to show that never was If K A in better condition. She has held her own in the Greek letter world, more than that, she has made great strides toward the goal which we all expect to see her reach, the greatest of American fraternities.

All who were so fortunate as to attend the Convention will ever have in their hearts an unfailing esteem and love to Eta and Alumnus Eta chapters. The royal way in which they entertained the Convention can never be forgotten. The members of both these chapters seem to hav caught the true spirit of Southern hospitality. Nothing was too good for the visiting brothers and they received only the best. The Sphaghetti Supper, the dance and the banquet will always linger in the memories as three of the most enjoyable social functions at which they were ever present.

In conclusion, let every II adopt as a motto for the next two years the words, "Meet me at the Knoxville Convention in 1911."

D. H. HILL, JR., Alpha Epsilon.

Never before in my life have I seen such a fine collection of men, as I met at our recent Convention. As for the officers, nothing too good can be said about them. They are the very best.

Undoubtedly the greatest thing accomplished by the Convention, was the blotting out of the so-called "Mason and Dixon's line" in the Fraternity. However, this was not the only thing accomplished. Other business was carried on, and I think that those three days accomplished many things which will make this Convention one of the greatest in the history of Pi Kappa Alpha.

For the benefit of those who have never attended a Convention I would like to say that you do not fully appreciate what your Fraternity means to you until you have attended a Convention. If you have never been to one, be sure to be present when the roll is called at Knoxville in 1911 and I promise you that you will never regret or forget it.

New Orleans is the ideal place to have a convention. It has as its citizens the most hospitable people in the country, and I know that every one who was present at this Convention, will never forget the reception given them by the members of Eta and Alumnus Eta chapters.

HBNRY J. WHITFIELD, Chi.

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Recollections of the Convention will always be a pleasure to me. I was most favorably impressed with the members; the officers I consider the "best ever;" was also most favorably impressed with the work of the convention; my Fraternity, I am convinced, is among the best. Will always recall the Convention as one of the most enjoyable occasions in my life.

"Strawberries may come, strawberries may go But Gin-Fizzes stay with us forever." (New Orleans revision)
"Strawberries may come, strawberries may go
But 'Gee-whizzes' stay with us forever."

George H. Hulme, Alpha-Mu.

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I have been a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity for nearly three years, and never in all my Fraternity life, have I felt such a love for my Frat, as I have since I had the pleasant opportunity of being at the Convention in New Orleans. To be thrown in the very atmosphere, as it were, of II K A spirit was a great opportunity for any man, and that is exactly what we had down there. The fellows, all bound together by the same ties of brotherhood and love, were as congenial as if we had known each other always. They all were ready and willing to put forth their hearts and souls into the meetings.

The officers were just as zealous for the welfare of the Fraternity as any active member, and we are to congratulate ourselves on having such worthy men to preside over us and direct the progress of our beloved Fraternity.

To hear the fine reports and learn the standing of the different chapters in their respective schools, was a great privilege, and I am sure the fine reports we heard made every one of us feel proud of our high standing in all the South. Our love for our Fraternity, and our ambition for its advancement were increased and each of us could but make a silent promise to put our shoulders to the wheel and move on toward our goal of success.

The fellows were sometimes divided on the questions that came up for discussion, but at no time did any but brotherly feeling exist between us.

I have always been proud of my Fraternity, but after coming in contact with the real Pi Kappa Alpha spirit that existed in such a marked degree at New Orleans, I know not what words can now express my genuine love and pride for our great and grand Fraternity.

The social functions were all that could be desired. Every man that was present will ever have a warm spot in his heart for Eta and Alumnus Eta Chapters, for their unlimited and tireless efforts in preparing so many enjoyable social features.

I sincerely hope every II will begin now to make preparation to go to Knoxville in 1911, and have the best time with the best fellows, in the world.

FRANK S. WILLIAMS, Alpha Iota.

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The New Orleans Convention was the first of our Conventions I have ever attended but I shall never forget the good times we had in the Crescent City.

It is always a pleasure to meet a crowd of nice fellows, but to meet such a delegation as there was in New Orleans, and to be able to call them brother is a pleasure indeed.

I think the part of the Convention which impressed me most, was the interest which our Grand Officers took in the work. The fact that, although they were business men, yet they could lay aside business for a few days and help push II K A's cause forward. No fraternity on earth could have a finer set of men at its head than we have at ours.

The brothers from Eta and Alumnus Eta certainly endeared themselves to all of us by the entertainment which they gave us. What a great time we had those three nights in the city.

Brothers, you can never know what II K A is and what she is doing until you attend a Convention. I have always loved the Fraternity and was always proud of it, but I never realized what it was until I went to New Orleans. Now that she has become national she will soon attain her rightful position, the greatest of them all.

I hope to be present in Knoxville in 1911 and to meet all the brothers there.

W. S. BEAN, JR., Mu.

The New Orleans Convention is the first that I have ever had the pleasure of attending and from what I can gather I am sure that it was the best Convention II K A has ever had. I have never run across a finer set of boys anywhere than were assembled in the Convention, and every one seemed that it was his special duty to make the other fellow have as good a time as possible. The officers were not lacking in the spirit for "Gov." Hughes, Brother Smythe and in fact all the Grand Officers were boys again and after the business session devoted themselves to having a good time and doing their utmost to make every one enjoy themselves. I think we would have to search a long time before we could get a Supreme Council to come up to the present one.

From what I have said some might thing that we devoted all our time to pleasure but when the reports come out they will see that, nothwithstanding the pleasures, the business was carried out in an orderly way and a great deal of good hard work was done by every one.

When I went to New Orleans I was an enthusiastic II form an enthusiastic and rapidly growing chapter, but when I got there and saw how many fine fellows we had and what an interest the men of the Supreme Council took in us boys, my enthusiasm was raised to the bursting point and ever since I got back I have been trying to impress on the boys what a grand fraternity II K A is, and trying to instill some of the spirit into them.

I can not close this without saying that Eta and Alumnus Eta treated us royally. They seemed to think that it was their duty to make every one have a good time and I think all will agree that they more than succeeded in their task. Now fellows, we have had a good time and let's settle down to business and make II 'K A the best National Fraternity in the world, and all meet again in Knoxville in 1911.

J. GIVHAN GILLIAM, Alpha-Delta.

I feel that I was one of the most fortunate of humans when I was chosen to represent Alpha-Lambda at the New Orleans Convention. I had heard our delegate to Richmond tell about the fine time they had there, what a fine bunch of fellows and officers we had and other things about it but the 1909 Convention more than equaled my highest expectations.

As for the fellows we all met and had such a good time with, I don't believe they can be beaten. It seems that every chapter has become filled with the idea that nothing but the best is up to II K A standard.

The officers, one and all, impressed me as being not only fine fellows but efficient, capable officers on whose judgment we can always rely.

The Convention did a lot of excellent work, I think, especially in voting for extension. I came to New Orleans undecided and uninstructed but after I had heard the arguments for and against it there seemed to me to be but one way to vote and that was "Yes." The order was very good too for such a crowd of young fellows.

We were certainly royally entertained and I certainly enjoyed everything. The Spaghetti Supper was great and the cutest ever. The reception and dance was fine, too, and the banquet just topped things off right.

I have often been asked why I came to Georgetown to school, my home being in Illinois. I have decided that it must have been luck or Providence or something that I came here so as to give me a chance to become a II. Here's to old Pi Kappa Alpha the youngest and destined to be the best of National Fraternities.

HABOLD J. HOWARD, Alpha-Lambda.

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No doubt the June issue will have a whole lot to say about the Second Bi-ennial Convention, but I must ask the editor to allow me enough space to give some of my impressions.

First, I want to congratulate all the chapters upon the choice of their delegates. Every one of them were great fellows. What impressed me most about the delegates was, the earnestness with which they did things. Whether in business session, at the Spaghetti Supper, or the dance their interest was always apparent, and all seemed to enter fully into the spirit of each and every occasion. They seemed to have come to the Convention with a purpose, and the object of their coming seemed to have been business of the Fraternity first, and after that, fun and good fellowship. Let me add the delegates were the kind of men that one likes to have as guests.

The officers, but what's the use, every Pi Kappa Alpha knows who and what they are, suffice it to say then, they were in their most charming vein and every man present felt the lifting influence of their presence. Great men they are, mighty alike in business and in the ball room.

The work done during the Convention was most satisfactory and encouraging. Some big steps forward were made, steps which we believe, at the next Convention, will show growth in the Fraternity. Every man present at the Second Bi-ennial Convention is a better and a stronger fraternity man now than he was before. He knows much better just what the fraternity stands for and what is expected of every member. He knows that he is a member of a great and growing fraternity.

The Convention helped the members of Eta Chapter individually and as a chapter and we sincerely hope that within a very few years the Fraternity will see fit to hold another Convention in New Orleans.

J. C. MENEFEE, Eta.

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It is with pleasure that I give my impressions of the New Orleans Convention, and I hope we all may be able to attend the 1911 Convention at Knoxville.

The members of old Pi Kappa Alpha, as delegates for their respective chapters impressed me favorably. I

was delighted to find such a fine bunch of congenial, good fellows, and know that Pi Kappa Alpha has held her standard so high in the selection of its members, and I feel that she will ever continue to do so, as she has done in the past.

The officers impressed me greatly, and I am glad we have such congenial gentlemen at the head of our most beautiful and beloved Fraternity. I feel that they will ever strive for its upbuilding and general welfare.

The work of the Convention was one of the most impressive of all the things. A true spirit of brotherhood and congeniality prevailed in every meeting, and everything seemed to be done more for pleasure than for duty.

The Fraternity, judging from it all, impressed me very much, and I am gratified to know that we have a bunch of zealous workers, who will ever strive and work for old II K A's glory harder than ever, and since we have gone North make her the greatest National Fraternity.

Last, but by no means the least, were the various social functions. These were among the most delightful things of the Convention. The Spaghetti Supper, reception and dance, and the Banquet, were all enjoyed, to the utmost. It was indeed a pleasure to meet the charming "II sisters" and belles of old New Orleans, and I'm sure our visit was enjoyed much more by their excellent entertaining. Some of the II brothers made such "hits" that I think they will have to visit the "Metropolis of the South" again.

The final banquet was the most enjoyable of all. The tempting menu appealed to us all and brought us all closer together in the ties of friendship and brotherhood.

I must express my appreciation for the charming hospitality of the New Orleans IIs, and they will ever be held in remembrance by us all.

Let us all meet at Knoxville in 1911.

RAY R. CHAMBERLAIN, Alpha Zeta.

I shall always remember the week I spent in New Orleans as a delegate to the Convention as one of my most pleasant memories. It was the first Convention, I had attended, but it will not be the last.

Never before did I truly realize what our Fraternity stands for and how high her standard is set, until I gathered with the brothers from all over the land in the St. Charles Hotel at New Orleans, last April.

We, being on the frontier of the Fraternity, so to speak, do not have the privilege of meeting or entertaining many of our brothers, and so the Convention was the first opportunity I had ever had to really see what the II K A's as a whole were like.

Never have I met a finer bunch of men and by men, I mean men in the noblest and highest sense. Men of honor and character. Men whom it does a fellow good to know and associate with. Men whom I deem it an honor and a privilege to be affiliated with in the bonds of II K.A.

I was greatly impressed with the amount of work transacted by the Convention and the business-like way in which the sessions of the Convention were conducted. But what will the next Convention do without having the topic of "Expansion" to discuss pro and con?

Great credit is due the Grand Officers for their untiring efforts in behalf of the Fraternity as shown by their reports submitted to the Convention. They (the Grand Officers) are a fine lot of men and certainly are working and working hard to further the interests of II. K. A.

One of my most pleasant memories of the Convention is the recollection of the various forms of entertainment showed us by our brothers of Eta Chapter assisted by the sister IIs of New Orleans. I had always heard that the New Orleans' girls were "Queens," and I sure found that to be the truth.

I came away from the Convention full of enthusiasm for Pi Kappa Alpha. And I hope to keep that enthusiasm with me until I get a fresh supply at Knoxville in 1911.

Pi Kappa Alpha has justly been called *The* Southern Fraternity. Now let us make it *The* National Fraternity.

HARVEY E. SMITH. Alpha Kappa.

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To say that the Convention was a success would be putting it mildly. It was more than a success and it shall always be remembered by every one that was fortunate enough to attend. Much credit is due the loyal II's of New Orleans for the royal manner in which we were entertained. Nothing whatever was wanted that was not furnished. Many of us had to travel a long way to reach the Crescent City but I am sure no one regretted it for an instant.

There should be no fear whatever as to the success of our noble order with such a strong set of real, genuine men at its head. At the opening of the Convention I sat in awe of the stern and serious presiders and hesitated to appear on the floor to be scrutinized by them but it was a very short time before they made me and every one else feel entirely at ease and I shall never forget my association with them.

Brother J. Graham Sale (I am not familiar with his full name as he never signs it without the initial J. and am sure we would all be interested in knowing what it is) is due a great deal of credit for the fine manner in which he has conducted his work and I am heartily glad he is to continue as a member of our most worthy Supreme Council.

I believe Brother Robert A. Smythe is one of the hardest working men in our whole Fraternity and to him we owe a debt of gratitude that we shall not be able to pay any time soon. We will have to keep him in office until he is paid.

We feel much regret at the loss of Brother J. Pike Powers as our Grand Princeps for there has never been a more conscientious worker anywhere. We hope for him as much success in his profession as he has attained in the fraternity world.

No better successor could have been chosen for this all-important office of Grand Princeps than our most esteemed Brother Hughes. With his previous experience and interest in the Fraternity we are assured of a successful leader.

The type of men represented by II K A is indeed of the highest. I was very much delighted in the individual men and I know we have an excellent set of men in our Fraternity. I never quite realized the broadness of my Fraternity until I reached the Convention.

Every Π should make every sacrifice to attend the next convention which is to be held in Knoxville. I am sure you will have a good time. We do not hope to surpass the New Orleans Convention but we will do our best.

Hoping to meet many of you at the next convention, W. C. Johnson, Zeta.



Our Ex-Grand Princeps.

OUR officers can not remain with us always, and in the past the Fraternity has had officers of whom it has always been proud and with their retirement they have left a heritage to their successors of deeds well done. None, however, have done that better than has John Pike Powers, Jr., a valued member of our Fraternity who, until the New Orleans Convention was Grand Princeps of our Fraternity and who would still be in that position were it not for the fact that his own personal business affairs were so engrossing that it was absolutely necessary for him to retire.

John Pike Powers, Jr., the son of Rev. John Pike Powers, an eminent Baptist minister, and Fannie Viola Gwin Powers, was born on October 24, 1875, at Mount Sterling, Kentucky. His parents however, were both native Virginians and descendants from among the most prominent and aristocratic families of the Old Dominion.

Brother Powers received his early education under his mother's tutorage and in September 1890, he entered the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and graduated with the degree of B.A. from the academic department of that institution in 1894, entering the law department of it in 1895, and graduating with the degree of B.L. from that department the next year. He then entered the law department of the University of Virginia and graduated with the degree of B. L. from that institution in 1897. Since that time he has been practicing his profession of a lawyer in Knoxville, Tennessee and is now the senior member of the law firm of Powers & Thornburgh which enjoys a large and lucrative practice.

In addition to this he is City Attorney of the City of Knoxville, Election Commissioner of the State of Tennessee and has held various important political and social offices in various organizations of his adopted city.

He was initiated into Pi Kappa Alpha by Zeta Chapter at the University of Tennessee in 1895 and was a leader in that chapter until he went to the University of Virginia, at which time he became a leader and stronghold of Alpha Chapter.

The New Orleans Convention was the tenth consecutive Convention which he had attended, having been at every Convention of the Fraternity for fourteen years, and having taken a prominent part in each.

In 1899 he was elected Grand Secretary of the Fraternity in which office he served until the Chattanooga Convention of 1905, when he was elected Grand Chancellor of the Fraternity and served as that officer until a

vacancy occurred as Grand Princeps, when he was chosen to fill that office by the Supreme Council and was unanimously elected to the same office at the Richmond Convention.

During his service as an officer of the Fraternity which covered a period of over ten years, he has always attended to the duties of his office in a manner satisfactory to all the chapters and his associate officers, even though at times it required great personal sacrifice to do so. His loss as an officer is great but he will always remain an enthusiastic and active alumnus, ever willing to aid those in the management of the Fraternity with his advice and counsel, which for so many years has played such an important part in the progress and growth of Pi Kappa Alpha.

In addition to belonging to Pi Kappa Alpha, Brother Powers is a member of Phi Delta Phi, a legal fraternity, having been initiated into it while he was a student at the University of Virginia. He is also a member of Phi Kappa Phi, an honorary fraternity, into which he was initiated at the University of Tennessee and is a high standing and bright Mason being prominent in Masonic circles of his locality. In fact Brother Powers is a member of almost every secret order of which one knows, and stands high in the counsels of each.

Brother Powers was married in the early fall of 1906 to Miss Lucile Borden of Knoxville, Tennessee and is now the proud father of lively and vigorous boy twins, over the initiation of which into Pi Kappa Alpha there will no doubt be great rivalry some day between the various chapters.

Brother Powers' office is in the Dederick building and his residence is on the corner of Kenyon and Dewey Avenues and we will all look forward with pleasure to seeing him at the Knoxville Convention in 1911.



Our Grand Princeps

LL who were at Richmond and all those at New Orleans, may forget some of their brothers whom they met there, but none who were at either Convention will ever forget "Governor" Hughes. We have had him as an officer in the Fraternity since 1905, he having been appointed Grand Chancellor by the Supreme Council in November, 1905, and was unanimously elected to succeed himself at the Richmond Convention, and at the New Orleans Convention he was unanimously elected Grand Princeps of the Fraternity. No promotion was ever more deserved than this one. His ability and impartiality in construing the laws of the Fraternity, determining their application and advising the other officers regarding it, has been for the past four years one of the mainstays of the Fraternity. As the executive head of the Fraternity and as a member of the Supreme Council we will get even more good out of him and more of his valuable services.

John Gordon Hughes, the son of Stephen Tillman Hughes and Elizabeth Meachum Wise Hughes, was born near Trenton, South Carolina on December 11, 1877. He spent his childhood at his native home and when quite a small boy entered the Trenton High School, and after completing his preparatory course there in 1893 he entered the academic department of the University of South Carolina, and graduated in 1897 with the degree Continuing his course in the academic department there, he received his M.A. degree in 1898, and the next year he entered the law department of that University and graduated with the degree of LL.B. in 1900. He was immediately admitted to practice law in South Carolina and began the practice of his profession in Union in September, 1900, and has continued practicing there At the present time he is one of the most ever since. prominent members of his bar.

Brother Hughes was a leader almost from childhood, has always been prominent in social and political organ-



J. Gordan Hughes, Xi, Grand Princeps.



izations. While at college he held at various times almost every honor at the college. He was a great athlete and member of the base-ball and foot-ball teams for several years and was captain and quarter-back of the championship foot-ball team of 1900; he was president of his class: chief marshal of commencement; president of his literary society; president of the Law Class Association; vice-president of the Pan-Hellenic League, and at various times was editor-in-chief of the weekly paper, monthly magazine and of the Annual of his college. In fact Brother Hughes' honors at college are too numerous to mention. His leadership has extended since his graduation from college. He is a member of the Democratic Executive Committee of his county, and for two terms has served as a member of the House of Representatives of South Caro-He is president of the Clover Club of Union, a member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the South Carolina State Bar Association and of most every other organization, fraternal and otherwise in that locality.

He was initiated into the Fraternity on September 28, 1893 by Xi Chapter, at the University of South Carolina, which chapter was for seven years one of the strongest in the Fraternity, but it was finally killed in 1897 on account of adverse legislation.

Brother Hughes is admired and respected by all who know him on account of his brilliant mind and great ability as demonstrated by the important position in life which he has held ever since a young boy, but he is loved by all who know him on account of himself alone. His genial disposition, his ever present courtesy and generosity and his altogether lovable nature, would make him admired and popular, if he had no other attributes, and the Fraternity does not understand why it is that he now holds the title of "Bachelor Pi." However he has promised us that he will be in position to confer that on another at the Knoxville Convention, and all who have

ever met him will look forward with much pleasure to renewing that acquaintanceship at Knoxville, and in the meantime the Fraternity will receive great good from him who has already helped her more than can be known.



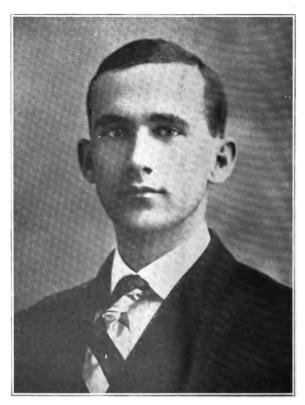
Our Grand Chancellor

WALTER GARRETT RIDDICK was born on September 13th, 1883, at Gainesville, Arkansas, the second child and eldest son of James Edward Riddick and Emma Wayde Mack Riddick, and spent the early part of his childhood at Gainesville, his father being judge of the Circuit Court of that district. Later, however, his father was elected a Judge of the Supreme Court of Arkansas which necessitated his moving to Little Rock, and it was in Little Rock that Brother Riddick spent the last years of his childhood and received his preparatory education, he having graduated with high honors from the Peabody High School of that city.

In September, 1901, he entered Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Virginia, and in the early fall of that year he was initiated into Pi Kappa Alpha by Pi Chapter, the first initiate of that chapter since its revival which occurred early in the same year. After spending two or three years at Washington and Lee in the academic department, during which time he led many of his classes and was considered one of the most brilliant students at that institution, he had a dispute with some members of the faculty and left the institution returning to his home in Little Rock, Arkansas, and never returned to the University, though he still maintains a great love for his Alma Mater and is an enthusiastic alumnus and one of which the faculty of that famous institution is justly proud.

Upon his return to Arkansas he taught for a year or more and after that time entered the employ of the Sandefur & Waters Real Estate Company as cashier, holding at the same time a similar position with the Little Rock office





WALTER G. RIDDICK, Pi, Grand Chancellor and Editor-in-Chief II K A Publications.

of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society, and while he spent his entire time in the day with these important positions he nevertheless took a thorough business course at night at a business college and finally, in 1906, entered the law department of Arkansas University at Little Rock and completed a course of law, being admitted to practice law in 1908.

About this time, when he had just completed a brilliant course of the study of law and was prepared to take up the practice of it with his father, who was one of the most distinguished lawvers of the South. he was taken ill with a desperate case of typhoid fever and was at death's door for four or five months during which time his father was also taken ill and died: thus he recovered from his sickness the head of a large family and with the world fronting him and its battles for him to fight alone. He took up the fight, however, with a spirit with which he always did things and formed a law partnership with a Mr. Clifford in Little Rock under the firm name of Riddick & Clifford, which continued until a few months ago, when that partnership was dissolved and he is now practising alone in the City of Little Rock, and though one of the voungest lawvers at that bar he is fast gaining a good practice and holds the highest admiration and respect of all his associate lawyers and is destined to soon become one of the leading members of his bar.

As a fraternity man Brother Riddick has always been very enthusiastic and is an ideal man. The members of our strong Pi Chapter are prone to say that they think the very life and success of that chapter is largely due to the conservativeness and hard work of Riddick who was the main strength during the battles of its early life. If anything, he loves his fraternity more now than he ever did. He instituted Alpha-Kappa Chapter and was present at the Richmond Convention, taking an active part in the business of that Convention, and his election as Grand Chancellor is indeed a fortunate choice and it is believed

that he will be one of the strongest and most active officers of the Fraternity.

He has had the utmost confidence and admiration of the Supreme Council for so many years, and possesses such literary ability, that that body has chosen him as Editor-in-Chief of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and it is believed that our magazine will be greatly improved under his editorship which will begin with the October issue, 1909.

Brother Riddick is unmarried. His office is in the Southern Trust Building and he lives with his mother at 2416 Wolfe Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

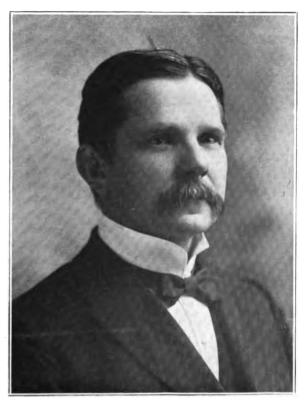
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Our Grand Chaplain

M ANY of the most distinguished members of our Fraternity are ministers, and the position of Grand Chaplain has always been held by some unusually distinguished member of that profession.

The recent election of Rev. Dr. George Summey at the New Orleans Convention to the office of Grand Chaplain, is but a continuation of our former policy, for there are few, if any, more distinguished alumni in our entire Fraternity than he, and all who were at New Orleans will testify that there is no more gracious host nor no more courteous gentleman anywhere. The part he took in our entertainment endeared him to all delegates present, and the part he will take in the future in our fraternity will endear him to all of its members.

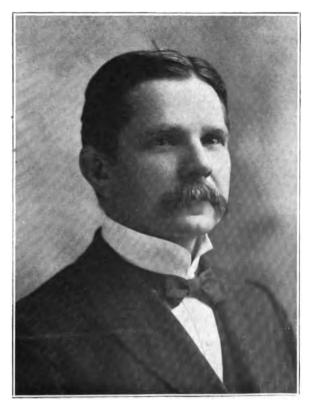
Brother George Summey is the son of Albert Theodore Summey and Sarah Morrison Summey, and was born at Asheville, North Carolina, on June 3rd, 1853. He acquired his preparatory education at Col. Stephen Lee's Classical School at Asheville, and in the Fall of 1867 he entered the Academic Department of the University of Georgia, and after remaining there for one year he entered Davidson college at Davidson, North Carolina, and graduated in 1870 with the degree of A.B.



REV. GEORGE SUMMEY, D.D., LL.D., Beta, Grand Chaplain.

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In 1873 he received his A.M. degree and since his graduation from college he has had conferred on him the honorary degrees of D.D. and LL.D. He was a first honor man in his class when he graduated at Davidson.

After his graduation and the completion of a course in the Seminary, he entered the Presbyterian ministry and has held the pastorate at a number of the most important churches in the South, though a large part of his work has been confined to the educational and religious writing departments of his church. For a long time he was Chancellor of the Southwestern Presbyterian University at Clarksville, Tennessee. For thirteen years he was editor of "The Presbyterian Quarterly Review" of Richmond, Virginia, and for a number of years after that was Managing Editor of "The Presbuterian and Reformers Review" of New York and Philadelphia, and since 1903 he has been Editor of "The Southwestern Presbyterian" an important church publication published in New Orleans, and in addition to his present duties as Editor of that paper he is Pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church of that city.

Dr. Summey has held so many prominent offices in his church that it would take too much space to mention all of them. He has been President of the School Board of his Church; a Trustee on its various colleges and seminaries for many years. He is a bright and high standing Mason and has served as Eminent Commander of his Commandery of Knights Templar.

On December 15th, 1875, Brother Summey was married to Miss Elizabeth Rebekah Worth, and has four children, two boys and two girls. He lives at 204 Camp Street, New Orleans.

He was initiated into Pi Kappa Alpha on April 9th, 1869, by Beta Chapter at Davidson College, was a member of the original chapter at that institution and in point of time was the seventh initiate at that chapter. Therefore there are few living men who have belonged to the Fraternity longer than Dr. Summey, and there are few in

the entire fraternity who are to-day more enthusiastic and have greater love for it than he, and there are none who have held up to its ideals and standards and realizes the good there is in it better than this distinguished member.

He is at the head of the alumnus Eta Chapter at New Orleans and was to a large extent responsible for the unparalleled entertainment of the Convention which was given it at New Orleans, and are indeed proud to have him serve for the next two years as our Grand Chaplain, and hope that we may see him at the next Convention in Knoxville.



"Pi Kappa Alpha, the Southern Fraternity"

Toast Responded to by Obloff Henry, Eta, at the Banquet April 16, 1909.

Brother Toastmaster, and Brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha:

KNOW of no subject concerning which I would rather speak to you to-night than that which has been assigned to me: "Pi Kappa Alpha, The Southern Fraternity," and I say it with the accent on the "The." In view of the action of this Convention relative to expansion, it may seem incongruous to longer speak of our Fraternity as "The Southern Fraternity;" but to me it seems as fitting as before our boundaries were extended to include the North and East, and I hope to make this clear.

Let me carry your thoughts back to-night to that great crisis in the history of our Country, known as the Civil War; when our beloved Southland, torn with the agonies of a death struggle, overpowered but never conquered,—was just emerging from the greatest struggle in the history of man. For four long years the spirit of Southern chivalry had maintained this unequal struggle against mighty odds: for four long years had the blood of Southern heroes flowed like water for the cause of right;—and when at last, face to face with the final agonies of defeat, they were called

upon to face the still greater task of beginning life anew,—with the indomitable spirit of Southern manhood they forged the broken sword into a plow-share, and upon the ashes of their sunny homes began the building of a fairer Southland.

Forty-one years ago, my brothers, there assembled at the University of Virginia five of that immortal band, there to uphold the "Lost Cause" in the gentler realms of peace. Banded together by the ties of Friendship and Brotherhood, tried by all the trials that rend the heart and rack the spirit, and but the closer drawn together, these five founded the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity on March the first, 1868.

Born in the darkest period of our history, Pi Kappa Alpha stands for the unconquerable spirit of the South finding its expression in the arts of peace. In "Pi Kappa Alpha, The Southern Fraternity" is embodied the matchless Southern Chivalry. All that is good and noble and true is embodied in the ideals of our order.

Forty-one years have passed, and in that time "Pi Kappa Alpha, The Southern Fraternity' has grown and spread and become a power in the South. Instead of one Chapter we now have thirty active chapters and twentytwo alumnus chapters. Our members have grown to thousands, and to-day there is a Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha in nearly every College of note throughout our fair Southland, and we are in truth "Pi Kappa Alpha, The Southern Fraternity." The South has recovered from the effects of the Civil War; she has thrown off the iron heel of oppression, and resumed her rightful place; and the time is ripe for the conquest of the North by the South,—not by the force of arms but by the power of intellect, not by the ravages of fire and sword but by the might of Southern courtesy and the old fashioned Southern Chivalry and high ideals. We have brushed aside our barriers, and have invaded the North, yet are we none the less "The Southern Fraternity;" for wherever our Chapters may be, yet will

they be centers of Southern culture and refinement, teaching the same lessons, and striving for the same lofty and noble ideals. And as, in the South, Pi Kappa Alpha has ever numbered among her sons the flower of Southern manhood at the various Colleges where she has Chapters, so in the North will she have only the flower of Northern manhood, and under her loving guidance their ideals shall be our ideals, and all that is noblest and greatest and best in what our fathers fought and bled and died for shall be loved and revered in the North even as in the South. My brothers, let us drink to "Pi Kappa Alpha, The Southern Fraternity."



Our Pi Sisters

TOAST AT THE BANQUET RESPONDED TO BY JOS. F. WARD,

ETA.

IF society had no ruler the university would not exist.

Man may conquer the world, but woman rules it—
she rules the conqueror.

Down through the annals of history it is ever evident, not always on the surface, but behind the motives and ambitions of the conqueror and ambitious.

I do not speak such dark pages as that in Pagan History where Anthony forgot his country, his gods, his people and his Emperor Ruler for the Dark Queen of the Nile;—no, nor do I speak of such animal-like degradation of the human race as Cleopatra. I speak of woman of another sphere—a sphere elevated far above the women of worldly powers—a sphere wherein dwell only the true and pure, for I speak of women like our mothers; women whom we love and trust, yes, worship. For women of truth and purity are surpassed by God alone. And next to Him, above all things else on earth or in Heaven, should they be placed and worshipped at their shrine.

Such are our sisters, every one. And every wearer of the Garnet and Gold should remember this, for every such woman deserves to be respected, honored, loved, worshipped—and protected.

The fair women whom we decorate with the "Shield and Diamond," and call our 'frat sisters,' are the personification of all that is true and pure, and deserve all honors and rights. But we should not only honor and respect them, we should endeavor to model ourselves after them.

Man's nature is often a weak one when alone and without a guide,—or ruler. A bad woman is worse than the worst man that ever sinned, but a good woman is better than the best man God ever blessed.

So brothers, our sisters are better than we; they are as pure as the heavens above, as true and noble as the angels who guard us, and as kind and sincere as our mothers who love us.

Then let them be to us as the tiny star is to the lonely mariner on the Sea of Danger—a guide and a comfort.

Our Fraternity is founded on II K A, but where are those noble qualities, the holy virtues, strongest but in our sisters. It matters not whether they are far or near, gloriously beautiful or homely. We have them from dear old Virginia to Texas, the Land of the Golden West. Some are beautiful, maybe some are not; yet we love them all, for it is their hearts and not their faces that make them worthy.

We have sisters with eyes of brown
Whose spirit proud you can not down,
We have sisters with eyes of gray
Whose sunny smiles drive all sorrow away;
We have sisters with eyes of blue
Whose hearts are both kind and true.
But whatever hues their eyes may be
I offer this toast, Pi Sisters, to ye.

So brothers drink a toast to our Pi sisters; God bless them, we can't do without them.

Chapter Roll of Pi Kappa Alpha

In order that those interested in keeping up with the number of Pi Kappa Alpha initiates, may have a foundation upon which to calculate, the following table is given. In this table, first is given the number of initiates on March 1, 1908, or at the end of the Fraternity's fourteenth year, and next is given the number of initiates through June, 1908. Thus by keeping in touch with the number of initiates from September, 1908, a correct membership of Pi Kappa Alpha may be had at all times, by those taking the trouble to read the Chapter letters in the Shield and Diamond.

Chapter.	Mch. '08.	June, '08.
Alpha	. 172	172
Beta	. 78	81
Gamma	. 81	82
Delta	. 34	35
Epsilon	. 69	69
Zeta	. 111	112
Eta	. 33	33
Theta	. 139	139
Iota	. 97	97
Карра	. 59	59
Lamda	. 13	13
Mu	. 71	72
Nu	82	82
Xi	. 28	28
Omricon	40	41
Pi	49	49
Rho	157	157
Sigma	44	44
Tau	49	49
Upsilon	107	107
Phi	54	54
Chi	51	51
Psi	86	87
Omega	46	46
Alpha Alpha	36	37
Alpha Beta	17	17
Alpha Gamma	21	21
Alpha Delta		27
Alpha Epsilon		29
Alpha Zeta		36

Chapter	March '08	June '08
Alpha Eta	30	32
Alpha Theta	39	41
	42	
Alpha Kappa	 28	28
	22	
	5	
Total	2, 075	2,098

The figures given in this table include only those men, whose initiation into Pi Kappa Alpha is an assured fact. There are several names, whose uncertainty has caused them to be eliminated from these figures. Then, too, we feel sure that several of the older chapters have initiated men of whom our records say nothing, and of course these are not included. So that in giving our membership at the figures above, we feel that they are conservative, and if anything, a little less than our actual enrollment may possibly be.

LLOYD R. BYRNE, Alpha-Zeta.



From the Editor-in-Chief

SINCE I was not fortunate enough to be able to attend the Convention at New Orleans, I must avail myself of this method of expressing my thanks for the honors that the Convention and the Supreme Council have conferred upon me. In accepting the offices of Grand Chancellor of the Fraternity and Editor-in-chief of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, I am deeply sensible of the high honors and heavy responsibilities that they bring with them. And while returning my thanks to the Supreme Council, the Convention, and the Fraternity at large, I believe it not inappropriate to issue a call for help to all interested in the continued efficient performance of the duties of both offices.

The labors of the Grand Chancellor do not attract the public eye, but the efforts of the Editor of the magazine are entirely before it. In the former capacity I shall ask

and appreciate the advice and assistance of my fellow officers; in the latter, I must have the aid of every active member of the Fraternity, and I ask for it now. And I want the help of every alumnus, and I ask for that now.

We have had good cause in the past to be proud of the SHIELD AND DIAMOND, and it is the earnest desire of the present Editor to maintain the magazine on the same standard. The retiring editor has done work perhaps impossible for me to equal, but to do so is my ambition in this work. If I succeed, it must be through the support of the active men. Bear this in mind when you return to Chapter Halls next Fall.

WALTER G. RIDDICK,
Editor-in-Chief H. K. A. Publications and Grand
Chancellor.

Chapter Letters

Alpha

University of Virginia

Alpha's scribe sets himself to the task of writing this the last chapter letter of the year with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret. The feeling of pleasure is due to the fact that our Fraternity is continuing in such prosperity along the paths it has so long followed, while our regrets are caused by our knowledge that the passing of this college year marks the termination of the active membership of so many of us, a membership which we know has caused us no feeling save those of just pride and pleasure.

Nothing of particular interest has happened in the life of Alpha since our last letter, but this must not be taken as a sign of inactivity or of indifference. "Happy is the nation whose annals are brief" is a saying fully applicable to us, for our fraternal life has indeed been happy, with abundant congeniality and good-fellowship, and with no discord to destroy the harmony of our chapter life.

Brother Hubbard, who represented us at New Orleans, brought us a full report of the Convention, to which we listened with interest and the various acts of the Convention were discussed. We hope they will all react for the general good of the order.

Most of our members being in the various professional schools this year we have been kept quite busy the entire session and have not had the time necessary to a full enjoyment of college life or to a great service to the Fraternity, but we hope that a regard for our diligence will be forthcoming in due time.

We began the college year last September with nine old men back, took in four new members, and received two transfers. One of our initiates, Bro. Barr, was compelled to leave on account of ill health, so we have completed the year with an active membership of fourteen—the smallest number Alpha has had for several years.

We have been well represented in the various phases of University life, however, and hope that we have reflected some credit on our Fraternity by our conduct.

Of the men now on our roll Bowman, Fulton, Hubbard, Mason, Willcox and Shewmake are in the Senior Law Class and all hope to receive the much-coveted degree of LL.D., in June. All of these men will begin the practice of law in June and none of them will return next year.

George and Irving Shepherd will not return next year. Irving Shepherd will go to work, while George Shepherd will take up the study of art in New York City. He has already quite a reputation as an artist and we predict a bright future for him.

While Alpha's membership at the beginning of the coming session will be small, the men who will return are all good workers and we do not doubt that they will do their duty by the Fraternity. In this connection we would ask that all members of the Fraternity who know of men worthy to wear our badge, and who are coming to "Virginia" next year, will please notify us by writing to Bro. John Neff, Jr., Harrisonburg, Va., or to Bro. L. A. Anderson, Lynchburg, Va.

The baseball season has just closed, and it was a very successful one for us. Out of twenty-six games played with various colleges and universities we won eighteen, numbering among the defeated teams those of Princeton, Fordham, Holy Cross, Amherst, Pennsylvania, Colgate, Georgetown and Carolina.

The inter-fraternity baseball series is now being played. At this date we have played only one game. We defeated the team of Sigma Phi Epsilon by a score of fourteen to seven, the features of the game being the home run of John

Neff, and the pitching of White who struck out fourteen men and allowed our opponents only one hit.

We give below the names and summer addresses of our members:

Laurence Alexander Anderson, Lynchburg, Va. Capres Gamewell Barr, Georgetown, S. C. Alpheus Michael Bowman, Salem, Va. William Huston Fulton, Bardstown, Ky. Charles Edwin Garner, Jacksonville, Fla. James Nimmo Hubard, Willcox Wharf, Va. John Lobban Kable, Staunton, Va. Charles Edward Mason, Jett, Ky. Mitchell Tabb Neff, Harrisonburg, Va. Irving Jones Shepherd, Petersburg, Va. George Benjamin Shepherd, Petersburg, Va. Oscar Lane Shewmake, Newport News, Va. Joseph Stuart White, Warrenton, Va. Thomas Hamlin Willcox, Jr., Norfolk, Va.

We would remind as many members of our Fraternity as may read this letter that the summer vacation, even though the active life of the Fraternity is suspended, affords many opportunities to advance the interests of Pi Kappa Alpha, and we hope that none of these opportunities will be allowed to pass unheeded. With best wishes to every loyal Pi for a happy vacation we close.

OSCAR L. SHEWMARE.



Beta

Davidson College

The session of 1908-09 is fast drawing to a close. At present we are in the midst of examinations, and all the worries and trouble attendant upon them. But commencement, with its long list of pleasurable events will soon be upon us. Though the thought of home is a very welcome one to us still it is with a feeling of profound regret that

we think of leaving our circle of brothers and friends here at old Davidson College some of us for the last time.

The past year has proven a very successful one for Beta, and all are well satisfied with the record we have made. As a fitting close to our year's work we take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Harold Wright Whitlock, of Cleveland, Ohio. Bro. Whitlock is a member of the Sophomore Class.

It is with a feeling of pride that we enumerate some of the honors taken by Beta this year.

In athletics Beta was represented on both the football and baseball teams. Thomas playing end on the former, and Boswell at third on the latter.

In the literary department, Dodge, R. D. and S. W. are honor men. Thomas was associate editor on the Annual Staff, while R. D. Dodge was exchange editor on "Davidson College Magazine."

In the Y. M. C. A. Buckhaltz as president, and R. D. and D. W. Dodge as members of the cabinet.

Whitlock is leader of the Orchestra, in which Deal is also a member. Mattison has recently been elected 1st vice-president of the student body and also captain of the "scrub" baseball team.

Beta loses five men by graduation this year. They are: Buchaltz, D. W. Dodge, R. D. Dodge, J. W. Todd, Jr., and R. C. Walker.

"Quips and Cranks," the college annual has just come from the press, and is pronounced by many the best ever gotten out at Davidson.

The summer addresses of our Chapter roll are as follows:

- O. E. Buckhaltz, Dalton, Ga.
- D. W. Dodge, Ocala, Fla.
- R. D. Dodge, Ocala, Fla.
- J. W. Todd, Jr., Laurens, S. C.
- R. C. Walker, Wayeross, Ga.
- F. D. Thomas, Brunswick, Ga.



H. R. Deal, Greenville, S. C.

C. S. Mattison, Anderson, S. C.

J. A. McCay, 1408 Senate St., Columbia, S. C.

S. L. Morris, Capitol Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

J. A. Scott, Statesville, N. C.

H. W. Whitlock, Cleveland, Ohio.

W. L. Bentz, Greenville, S. C.

H. R. Boswell, Penfield, Ga.

I. S. McElray, Columbus, Ga.

D. D. Williford, Sumter, S. C.

N. C. Waller, Mt. Sidney, Va.

Beta wishes to express her sincere regrets to the sister chapters that she was unable to send a delegate to the Convention. We realize that we missed a great deal, but Senior speaking and other College duties prevented our leaving "the hill" at that time. We feel sure that all who attended got much good from the Convention and we expect to see great reports from the Convention in the June issue of the Shield and Diamond.

J. W. Todd.

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Gamma

WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE

Since our last Chapter letter, Gamma has had two initiations, and takes this opportunity to introduce to the Fraternity at large Brothers William Robert Jennings, of Camp, Va., and Samuel Cole White, of Ivy Depot, Va. Both are men of good standing in college, popular among the students, and have shown good athletic possibilities. In securing them, Gamma has strengthened her already strong position.

Everything is quiet in college now. The gaiety attending the Easter festivities has yielded place to a quietness that hangs like a gloom over the entire student body; all, alike, are looking forward to the final exercises of the year. Ere this goes to press, examinations will be upon us, and then, blasted hopes will be mingled with joyful victories,

the usual compound that goes to make college finals such pathetic events.

Gamma is much better represented in scholarship this year than has been the case for the past two years, and it is with a bright hope that we look forward to the final awarding of degrees, diplomas, distinctions, and medals, for we fully exect to see many II's in the group that will surround the president of our college on the last day to claim the reward of year's faithful work. In the graduating class, we are represented this year by Brant, and in the junior class by Newton.

In looking forward to next year, we view the coming struggles with complacency. The work of brothers in the past has made Gamma's high position an assured one at William and Mary, and during the coming session, we will start with a full chapter of seven members, and excellent prospects of gaining several new men who are now well known to us.

Those of us who will return next year are Blake Tyler, Newton, Hague, Va., James Fendal Garth, Ivy Depot, Va., Edward Carey Jones, Urbana, Va., Walter Emmerson Miller, 421 Fairfax Ave., Norfolk, Va., William Robert Jennings, Camp, Smith County, Va., Bernard Allen Garth, Ivy Depot, Va., Brothers Samuel Cole White, Chiles Manley Barnes, and John Harper Brent will not return. White will enter the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. His home address is Ivy Depot, Va. Barnes has accepted a position in Roanoke, Va. His home address is Williamsburg, Va., Brent expects to graduate. His home address is Heathsville, Va. In this farewell letter of the session of 1908-09, Gamma extends a hearty wish for a pleasant vacation to every II.

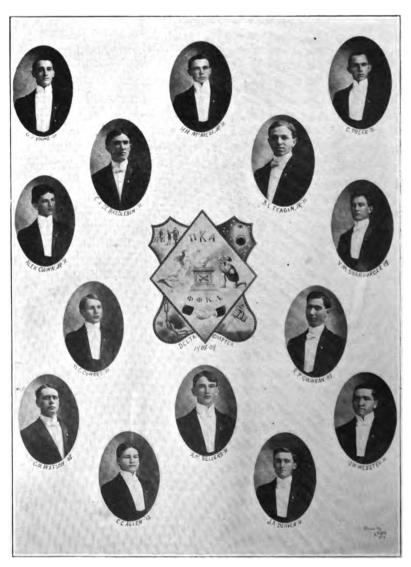


Delta

Southern University

We will close our college activities June 5th, and the fellowing II's will return to their respective homes, filled

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with a gladness mingled with sorrow, for we have learned that it is sad to say good-bye to those whom we have learned to love.

Alexander Gunn, Thomasville, Ala.
Robert P. Cochran, New Market, Ala.
Victor Marsh, Shamburger, Cuba, Ala.
Carl Preer, Tuskegee, Ala.
Chas. Albert deBardeleben, Greensboro, Ala.
Walter Cleveland Cowart, Josie, Ala.
Benjamin E. Feagin, Jr., Pine Apple, Ala.
John Alexander Deaver, Cleveland, Ala.
Hannibal Hamilcar McNeill, Jr., Mobile, Ala.
Angus M. Sellers, Luverne, Ala.
John Waster Webster, LaPine, Ala.
Eric Chesley Allen, Ashland, Ala.

We are indeed proud of our Chapter's standing and the honors that have been conferred on our men from time to time. R. P. Cochran, who served as historian of the Senior class and who will take part in the commencement exercises will graduate in June. He has been very ardent in his efforts toward promoting the welfare of II K A, and we regret very deeply to see him leave us. He expects to enter Vanderbilt University as theological student next fall. V. M. Shamburger has served acceptably as editorin-chief of the "Review and Bulletin" this session. During his course here in college he has served his fraternity and literary society in almost every possible capacity and he will be sorely missed by both. He will graduate in June and expects to take up the study of law next fall.

Among the honors allotted by the college and societies to the members are as follows: C. A. deBardeleben, Anniversarian for his literary society, contestant in the Junior Oratorical contest of Commencement. W. C. Stewart has served as President of the Y. M. C. A., and "Challenge Debater" J. A. Deaver served as Anniversarian for his literary society, also as "Ladies Debater," and has been chosen to enter the Sophomore Oratorical Contest at Com-

mencement; H. H. McNeill served as "Ladies Debater" and will enter the Sophomore Oratorical Contest; J. W. Webster served as "Ladies Debator" and will enter the Sophomore contest for orators medal. While the writer served as "Joint Debater," "Orator on Ladies Debate" and was chosen as contestant for sophomore medal for oratory.

Delta's delegate to the Convention reports a great time and we are indeed glad that the bounds of II K A will be no longer confined exclusively to the South.

We expect to have our annual reception June 4th. Preparations have been in progress for some time and we feel sure of its success.

Last week our chapter enjoyed a visit from R. J. Mullins, of Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss., who delivered an excellent speech in the contest between his college and the Southern University. Other visiting IIs were McEniry, an alumnus of Epsilon and Harry E. Yockey an alumnus of Kappa. The personal stamp of both was indicative of men of sterling qualities.

Final examinations have been posted so that when this comes to print we will be in the midst of the toil and turmoil, which examinations always bring.

With best wishes for a joyful vacation for all Pi's, a successful career to all graduates and others who will not be permitted to return to college, and for others a happy reunion next fall.

CARL PREER.



Zeta

University of Tennessee

We wish to introduce to the Fraternity Harry Leathers Baird of Jellico, Tennessee, an excellent man whom we recently initiated. He is a man of sterling qualities having been asked to join several other fraternities. He is playing star ball in center field on the "Varsity."

Brother Johnson reports great things of the Fraternity from his impressions at the Convention. There is cer-

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tainly great possibilities for us since we have decided to expand. We hope that many new chapters will soon be installed.

On the twenty-eighth of May Zeta and loyal alumnus Iota are going to have a Fraternity dance at the Country Club. One hundred and fifty invitations have been issued and a most enjoyable evening is being looked forward to.

At the last meeting of the Glee Club Brother Johnson was elected president for the ensuing year and Brother Wade secretary and treasurer. Zeta has six members in this club.

Zeta expects to return fourteen men next fall. Under a recent ruling by the faculty no fraternity can take in or pledge a man until after the first term which closes in the middle of February. This is an experiment here and we hope it will do the good for which it is intended. Zeta will not be materially affected on account of the members she is to return.

We wish for our sister chapters the greatest success for the coming year. We hope to meet many of you at our next convention which is to be held here in Knoxville.

We only graduate one man this year, Jack Carlye Witherington of Newford, Tennessee. He expects to take up the study of medicine at some other institution. He was voted the best natured student in the University and we hope that his good nature will carry him through life to the greatest success.

The following is the list of summer addresses and honors taken by those who expect to return:

W. C. Johnson, Memphis, Tennessee, 1066 Seventh Ave., "Varsity" football team; forward Junior class basket-ball team; president of University German Club; President Glee Club; Vice-president of Agricultural Club; Tennessee Cotillion Club; Tennis Club; Bill Bryan Club; Board of Directors Y. M. C. A. 1907-08.

Frank L. Phipps, Bristol, Tennessee, President of Sophomore class: First Sergeant of "A" Co.

Clyde E. Lowry, Cumberland City, Tennessee; Track manager of Sophomore team.

Floyd B. Porter, Clarksville, Tennessee, Manager of Sophomore Magazine, Office of Y. M. C. A. 1908-09.

Karl C. Morgan, Laurie, Miss., Glee Club; Manager German Club: Tennessee Cotillion Club.

Rufus C. Branch, Millington Tennessee, sub pitcher on 'Varsity baseball team. Manager and captain baseball team.

T. C. Ervin, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, glee club.

W. E. Wade, Kinton, Tennessee, University German Club, glee club, McKinney Club.

Earl M. Armstrong, Lewesburg, Tennessee, short-stop on scrub baseball team.

Harry Leathers Baird, Jellico, Tennessee, center field on 'Varsity baseball team.

William Luck McAllester of Chattanooga, Tennessee, glee club, captain of Freshman basket-ball team, secretary and treasurer of Freshman class, catcher on 'Varsity base-ball team.

Those who have failed to come back are as follows:

Clarence Hood McCallum, Chattanooga, Tennessee, full-back on 'Varsity foot-ball team (mentioned for All-Southern) care Y. M. C. A.

John Gerhard Vogt, Jr., Trenton, Ill., University German Club, glee club, Tennessee Cotillion Club.

Henry Clifford Kirk, Atilla, Alabama.

Harry Barfield, No. 1 Main street, Memphis, Tennessee. R. C. Branch.



Eta

Tulane University

Eta now looks back over the pass school term with great satisfaction. She has striven hard to uphold the good name of Pi Kappa Alpha and has succeeded admirably, for at present we are one of the best chapters down here. We have, in all, a total of twelve active men, and are represented in the three departments of the University, the Academic, the Law, and the Medical.

Commencement, which took place on the nineteenth of May was one of the much-talked of events around college. The graduating class was one of the largest that has left "Old Tulane" in many years. By this commencement Eta has lost five of its men, two academics, one law, and last but not least, two medicals. Studying for exams is the chief pastime around the campus, some enjoy it so much that they are known to indulge until the small hours of the morning. The undergraduate class is now hard at work with examinations.

The "Summer Normal School" will be held at Tulane again this year and from present indications promises to be a big success. Eta is again represented on this board by Brother Menefee, who is putting forward all his efforts to try and make its attendance as large as possible. Already teachers from all the neighboring country towns have arrived in the city where they expect to remain during the summer to take up extra courses in special subjects. The "Summer Normal" begins June the fourteenth and closes August the fourteenth.

The regular students are looking forward with great anxiety to the closing of college on June the third but hate to have to pass through that last week of examinations that separates them from their three or four months of lazy life—"vacation." Eta bids all members of Pi Kappa Alpha good-bye and hopes to see on the "list of students returned" next October all of her men and to add to this list some new members. Boys keep your eyes open this summer. If you know of a good man who is going to college next fall, find out to what college he is going and send word to the chapter of that college to look out for him. We will close hoping every one will have a swell time during their vacation and return next fall ready to work off one more year of college life.

SUMMER ADDRESSES OF STUDENTS.

- J. C. Menefee, Tulane University, New Orleans, La.
- H. C. Maxwell, Brookhaven, Miss.
- S. B. Storm, Brookhaven, Miss.
- J. H. Smith, Slidel, La.
- C. L. Smith, Slidel, La.
- Chas, Karst, 941 Royal Street, New Orleans, La.
- J. N. Wilson, 1213 Carondelet St., New Orleans, La. Ashley Calongne, 936 Webster St., New Orleans, La.
- E. H. Hunt, Clarksville, Ark.
- A. C. Parker, Malvern, Ark.
- J. W. Butts, 815 Poplar Street, Helena, Ark.
- P. J. Delbert, Pass Christian, Miss.

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Theta

Southwestern Presbyterian University

After so long a time, Theta's goat was again let loose and, as a result, we wish to introduce to the chapters at large, Robert Alexander Webb, Jr. This new brother is a member of the Junior Class, and in him we have a good man.

On the evening of April 7th, there assembled in our chapter room a bevy of pretty girls and a host of handsome young men chaperoned by our popular Vice-Chancellor Dinwiddie and his wife. It is not necessary for me to say anything else when I tell you that it was the best of its kind we have had, at least, in my time.

Brother McQueen returned from the Convention overflowing with good news. His report was gratifying to us and Theta extends her heartfelt thanks to the two Etas, whose untiring zeal to make the Convention a great success was so evident. We feel that the inspiration received from this gathering will carry us through the coming year, braced to meet each difficulty.



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Rothrock leaves us this year for good. We are indeed sorry that he can not be with us longer. He receives his M.A. degree, and his honors are as follows for this year: president of Robb Hall, president of Senior Class, 'Varsity football, basket-ball, and baseball teams, and laboratory assistant in sciences.

McLeod is another who leaves us not to return. Our only consolation is that we can't keep a man with us always, as we would like. His honors are: 'Varsity football team, captain of basket-ball team, and second base-ball team.

Miller receives his B.A. degree, but expects to return next session to get a M.A. He is a commencement orator and has been elected business manager for the "Journal" next year.

Taffe receives his B.A. this year, but expects to return to enter the seminary next fall. Since he only needs one study to receive a M.A., he intends to work that in connection with his seminary studies. He was president of Washington Irving Literary Society, tenor of S. P. U. quartet, and commencement orator.

Armistead receives his B.A., and he too will enter the seminary next fall. He was a member of 'Varsity base-ball team.

Stokes was secretary of Robb Hall, and member of 'Varsity foot-ball and baseball teams.

Bolling is president of Junior Class, business manager of "Annual," vice-president Robb Hall, and has been elected local editor of "Journal," and treasurer of Y. M. C. A. for next session.

It is with sorrow that we separate from our brother J. D. Crosby. He came to us this year in hopes that his health would hold out, but he was compelled to resign from school and does not expect to be with us next year. He has already lost one year on this account and Theta takes this means of expressing to Brother Crosby our

secretary and treasurer of the athletic association, president of the Freshman Class (second term) two representatives on the inter-society debate and one on the inter-collegiate debate, secretary and treasurer of the Senior Class, three of the six orators at intermediates, two for the approaching finals and finally the Valedictorian of the Senior Class—all serve to show how the chapter has fared at the hands of the student body.

In the graduation of Mann, Martin, Gilmer and Brown the chapter will necessarily be weakened and they will be sorely missed but with the spirit that has pervaded things during the past nine months we look to the future with confidence and the determination to make Iota keep pace with the general fraternity in her strides onward.

The college also seems to be entering upon a bright era in her history. A year ago the air was thick with plots and intrigues to move her from the sacred spot where she has so long flourished. That was a dismal failure. And to-day in the place of a president who thought she must move or die there stands one who just as firmly believes that she can not only live in her time-honored locality, but, in addition, that in so doing prosperity will attend her. Friends on every hand are rallying to her calls for help, and their interests are being manifested in such substantial ways as increased endowment, improved bath-room accommodations, and granolithic walks. The good resulting from such changes will, it is thought, be soon manifested and will be of long duration.

At the approaching commencement, Rev. H. Tucker Graham, last fall elected to the presidency, will be inaugurated. This event together with the usual circumstances attendant upon such an occasion as the final celebrations of a college tends to make the approaching gaities of unusual moment. Mr. Graham, in addition to his marked executive ability, has a deep and abiding interest in this school, his alma mater, and already is making prepara-

tions for vast improvements which he hopes to effect on the campus during the summer months.

Besides all this Hampden-Sidney is being pushed into the lime-light by another agency—her baseball team. With it the past season has proved to be one of the most successful in the history of the college. Among her victories may be mentioned such places as the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, the Virginia Military Institute, William & Mary's College, and Richmond College. While only twice did she taste of defeat. One of which came from Randolph-Macon whom we play again to-morrow to decide the championship of this division. The victor wins the cup as both teams have won two victories each out of three possible ones. The issue is awaited with much interest as this is the second time the two institutions have tied for athletic honors this session. The other tie coming as it did late in the foot-ball season was never played off.

The summer addresses of the graduates will be as follows:

Frank Chiltan Brown, Lewisburg, W. Va. Graham Gilmer, Draper, Virginia.

William Hodges Mann, Jr., Nottaway, Virginia.

William Watkins Martin, 315 W. Grace St., Richmond, Virginia.

Those who expect to return next fall may be found at the following addresses:

Thomas Thweatt Atkinson, Champ, Virginia.

Paul Tulane Atkinson, Hampden-Sidney, Virginia.

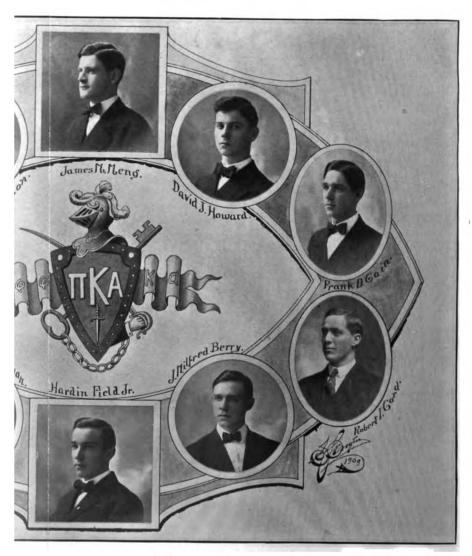
Wyndham Bolling Blanton, 300 W. Grace St., Richmond, Virginia.

Howard Wallace Blanton, 300 W. Grace St., Richmond, Virginia.

Archie Chapman Buchanan, Tazewell, Virginia.

Thomas Adair Painter, Pulaski, Virginia.

George Luther Walker, Blacksburg, Virginia.



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Wishing every wearer of the "Garnett and Old Gold" a happy issue from the bug-bear of examinations and a pleasant summer, we lower the curtain on another act.

P. TULANE ATKINSON.



Kappa

Transylvania University

Kappa is on the verge of closing one of the most prosperous and most successful years in the history of The year has been one of the best for the chapter. Kappa in almost every point of view. Considering her slight prospects and smallness of numbers at the beginning of the present year when only three of last year's chapter returned, and her increased strength in numbers at the present time with a roll of nine, it can well be said that Kappa has been hard and diligently at work. And again, considering the class of men she has secured in the six that have been added to the roll during the year. Kappa's comparative work and strength for the year is far above par. All of the men secured by Kappa this year are, and have proven themselves to be, made of the right stuff.—those qualities of a real fraternity man which make a chapter and which chapter shares its proportion in making the fraternity at large. securing of men Kappa has been fortunate in getting of the best at the University. All of the men stand high in the University and are making good in every line and field.

At this time of the year all thoughts are turned towards the last two weeks of the college year,—the final examinations and the Commencement Week. The final exams begin on the 28th of this month (May) and the Commencement begins on the third of June continuing through the following Thursday night.

At the last two or three weekly meetings of Kappa the main discussions have been on the work and prospects

of Kappa for the coming year. From the present indications, the prospects for next year are exceedingly bright. Six of the nine men will probably return. Quite a number of the prospective students who are known to be likely to enter the University next year have been discussed by the chapter and Kappa stands a fair chance of securing several new men at the beginning of the year who will make the kind of men Kappa wants. The members of Kappa are going to work during the summer vacation and be on hand several days at the University before the fall term opens. It will be the main effort of Kappa together with the Omega chapter for the remainder of this year and during the summer to secure a chapter house for next year. Indications are that the chapter house will be secured and ready for the opening of the fall term.

Kappa extends to the members of Pi Kappa Alpha the best wishes for a pleasant summer vacation and the greatest success for the opening of the various chapters in the coming fall of '09.

The summer addresses of the active members of Kappa are as follows:

J. Milfrod Berry, R. F. D. No. 2, Carlisle, Ky.

David J. Howard, P. O. Box 295, Versailles, Ky.

James M. Meng, North Middletown, Ky.

Robert I. Cord, Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Wade H. Whitley, Paris, Ky.

Harry V. Wilson, Tullahoma, Tenn.

Hardin Field, P. O. Box 295, Versailles, Ky.

William Field, P. O. Box 295, Versailles, Ky.

Frank Cain, Morton's Gap, Ky.

Two of Kappa's members will graduate this year (June). Whitley graduates from the Law College of Transylvania University, while Cord receives his A.B. degree in the College of Arts.

Five or probably six members of the present chapter of Kappa will return next year to the University. Those who will not return next year are Howard, Meng and Whitley. Cord is likely to return for special work.

The honors taken by the II's of Kappa in college, social and athletic lines have been numerous. These may be stated as follows: Whitley, 'Varsity foot-ball team three years; Meng, 'Varsity foot-ball team two years, member of H. A. S. I. Club; Berry, 'Varsity foot-ball and base-ball teams one year manager of basket-ball team for '09-'10, H. A. S. I. Club; Howard, 'Varsity foot-ball and base-ball teams two years, 'H. A. S. I. Club; Cord, 'Varsity baseball team two years, H. A. S. I. Club, business manager of "Transylvanian" '08-'09, February 22nd Orator '09.

All members of Kappa are members of the Periclean Literary Society and the Transylvania University Social Club.

ROBERT I. CORD.



Mu

Presbyterian College of South Carolina

Final examinations are upon us and a dejected look may be seen on many faces. We feel sure that this sad look will not be on the faces of Mu's men long because they always take a large share of the college honors. In the past year the following men have received medals; Harrall, Greek medal; Bean, Science medal; Neville won the orators medal and also second medal at the South Carolina Inter-collegiate Oratorical Contest.

At a banquet given by the Juniors to the Seniors, Bean had the honor of acting as toastmaster, Neville also responded to one of the toasts.

Only one of Mu's men has taken an active part in athletics this year.

We are looking forward to our nineteenth annual banquet which will be given on the night of June 10th. We expect to make this one of the best banquets Mu has ever had and to help us out in this, Brother John Gordon Hughes, Grand Princeps, has promised to be with us and act as toastmaster.

We will lose four men by graduation this year—McDonald, Bean, Neville and Harrall. Mu will be very much weakened by the loss of these men, but we hope to find some good material to work on next September.

Summer addresses are as follows:

G. C. McDonald, Sumter, Ga.

D. W. A. Neville, Clinton, S. C.

W. S. Bean, Jr., Clinton, S. C.

C. D. Harrall, Bennettsville, S. C.

D. B. Smith, Reidville, S. C.

H. K. Sligh, R. F. D. No. 1, Clemson, S. C.

G. W. Taylor, Jr., Greenville, S. C.

May the summer vacation bring happiness and contentment to every Π_{i}

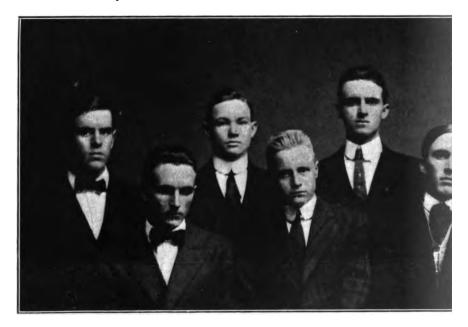
GEO. C. McDonald.



Omicron

Richmond College

In less than a month college will be closed and Omicron chapter feels justified in saying that it has been the best year in her history. Heretofore we have had very few local men on our roll. This year we have gotten five of the best men who entered college from the schools in Richmond. This fact in conjunction with the renewed activity of the local alumni has given our chapter most desirable strength which has been conspicuously absent during the past, and which gives us reason to believe that next year will be another splendid one for Omicron. And all the fellows have taken more interest in the Fraternity this year than previous, with the result that every member of the chapter feels, it seems, more personal interest in its welfare.



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ARTOR, LENOX AND TILDEN FOUNDATIONS Since the last letter we have initiated Robert Alonzo Brock, Jr., 517 west Marshall Street, Richmond, Va., and we take pleasure in introducing him to the Fraternity. He is of the calibre that brings credit to the Fraternity in the eyes of the faculty and the student body at large, a splendid standard for any chapter to work by.

Our annual dance was given at the Hermitage Club, April 30, and was enjoyed by about sixty II's and their friends. Other than the members of our chapter Brothers Morris Langhorne, Spencer Ellis, Henry Taylor, Sam Lacy, of Richmond, B. E. Steel, of Tazewell and M. G. Willis, Jr., of Fredericksburg, were present to help us make the occasion happy. We regret that it was not possible to invite some of our brothers in the neighboring chapters but limited quarters made it impossible.

Baseball is over and we have the same hard tale to tell. The other fellow got the championship cup. But we hope to do better next time. James R. Sheppard, Jr. looked after things at third base and led the team in hitting, average .297. M. A. Chambers, Jr. made his letter on the track team during the spring season.

The chapter suffered a loss during the spring term when Jo Payne Snead was compelled to withdraw from college on account of sickness. The chapter wishes him a speedy return to health, that he might be with us next year.

During the past two months we have had visits from R. C. Duval and J. B. Duval, Jr., who were in college last year and who expect to return to continue their studies next year.

Of the present chapter, two will graduate in law, Presley Thornton Atkins, of Lexington, Ky., and Walter Manly Nance, of Roxbury, Va.

The remaining members of the chapter all of whom expect to return to college in September and their summer addresses follow.

Spencer Glass Gill, Petersburg, Va.

Merritt Allen Chambers, Jr., 208 W. Main St. Richmond, Va.

Jas. R. Sheppard, Jr., 1614 W. Grace St., Richmond, Virginia.

William Valentine Lapew, Floyd Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.

Richard Willson Taylor, 2718 E. Grace St., Richmond, Virginia.

Robt. McLain Whittet, Beach St., Richmond, Va.

Robt. Alonzo Brock, Jr., 517 W. Marshall St., Richmond, Va.

With best wishes to every II.

P. T. ATKINS.



Pi

Weshington and Lee University

A few weeks and the session of '08 and '09 at W. and L. will be at a close and it will be with mingled sorrow and happiness that we will leave our dear old college to go to our respective homes. The leaving will be one of sorrow because of parting from our many friends and clubmates, and it will be joyful because of the thought that we will soon greet our loved ones at home.

Our exams, begin on June the first and are over June the thirteenth. The finals are over on the seventeenth.

We feel that this session has been a very successful one for Pi Chapter. We have taken our share of honors in nearly every feature of college activity.

Witten was elected editor-in-chief of the "Ringtun Phi." our college weekly, and served ably in that capacity until the beginning of the winter term when he was forced to resign the editorship on account of a heavy course of study. Witten also served the student body as cheer leader. During the foot-ball, basket-ball and base-ball seasons he has kept the spirit and enthusiasm on the

athletic field at a high pitch and the yelling and rooting under his leadership has been the best ever had at W. and L.

Boxley and Beard both take their degree from the Law School this year and Lyle takes his degree in the academic department. We regret very much that we will not have these men with us next year and their loss will be greatly felt.

On the baseball team we were represented by Stras, who played a good game at first base. Hall and Ryan were on the track team. At our field day held here in April Ryan won the high jump medal and Hall won the medal for the broad jump. Earwood was on the foot-ball team last fall.

Socially we have been represented in every club and ribbon society in college. In the "Sigma," "S. B. C.," and "Phi Delta Phi" we have had one man in each and in the "P. A. N." Society we have two.

Since our last letter we have had the pleasure of visits from the following brothers: L. A. Anderson, Alpha; Garner, Alpha; Shepherd, Omicron; Painter, Iota; Boswell, Beta; Simms, Alpha-Theta; Wilson, Iota and Robertson, alumnus of Omicron. We are always glad to have the brothers of other chapters with us and hope they will always come around when in or near Lexington.

At the Virginia Military Institute are brothers Gilbert White, alumnus of Gamma and Rufus Bowman, alumnus of Phi. We see them both often and are proud to say that they are two staunch IIs. White is first sergeant of his company and stands well for his captaincy next year.

The names and addresses of those who graduate and will not return next year are:

John Hary Lyle, Lexington, Virginia.

Littleberry James Boxley, 324 Washington Ave. Sw., Roanoke, Virginia.

Stanley Alphonse Beard, 2819 San Jacinto, Houston, Texas.

Those returning are:

A. W. Albertson, 33 West 4th St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Frank L. Wysor, Clifton Forge, Virginia.

L. C. Witten, Martinsville, Virginia.

J. H. Tabb, Zanoni Post Office, Virginia.

Clayton E. Williams, Woodstock, Virginia.

W. Troy Hall, Gainesville, Georgia.

A. L. Stras, Roanoke, Virginia.

T. P. Trigg, Abingdon, Virginia.

W. W. Trigg, Abingdon, Virginia.

Ernest V. Kellner, 207 N. Walnut St., Greenville, Miss.

John L. Ryan, Rincon Antonio, Oaxaco, Mexico.

John D. Ankrom, New Martinsville, W. Virginia.

James B. Whitfield, Demopolis, Alabama.

J. L. Sumrall, 911 American Bank building, Seattle, Washington.

A. L. Wolfe, Jr., 323 Church St., Roanoke, Virginia. Don B. Earwood, Beckley, West Virginia.

We wish every II a pleasant summer vacation on behalf of Pi Chapter and hoping that next year will be a banner year for Pi Kappa Alpha.

DON B. EARWOOD.



Tau

University of North Carolina

It is a great pleasure to introduce to the Fraternity Tau's latest initiate, George Folger Meares, of Wilmingtong, N. C. Brother Meares is a student in the law department of the university.

In a recent debate with the University of Virginia the team defending this university had as one of its members Brother J. C. M. Vann. The debate was a close one, but, in spite of Brother Vann's excellent speech and rejoinder, the judges decided in favor of Virginia. In

debating this spring Carolina won from Tulane in New Orleans and lost to Virginia here in Chapel Hill and to Georgia in Athens.

Our baseball team has had a very successful season. It has won a decided majority of the games played both on the home diamond and "in foreign fields."

In the list of commencement officials Brother Boushall appears as an assistant marshal.

Brother Mercer holds an important position on the editorial staff of our annual, the "Yackety Yack." This year's product is said to be the finest ever sent out by this institution and one which will stand high in regard to annuals of other universities.

The summer addresses of the members of this chapter are as follows:

John H. Boushall, Raleigh, N. C. B. Grimes Cowper, Jr., Raleigh, N. C. Charles S. Flagler, Stroudsburg, Pa. George F. Meares, Wilmington, N. C. Richard R. Smith, Rock Hill, S. C. W. Marvin Snider, Salisbury, N. C. John R. Mercer, Elm City, N. C. J. Dickson Phillips, Meredith, Florida. John C. M. Vann, Wilmington, N. C.

Tau wishes all her sister chapters a very pleasant summer.

Tau has had quite a number of honors in college this year. Flagler was elected an assistant in the medical department. He was also elected to the medical society to be a member of which requires a high grade of class work and it is quite an honor to be on its roll. Mercer holds an important position as an associate editor of the "Yackety-Yack," the college annual. Vann represented the university in a debate with Virginia. This is one of the greatest honors in college. Cowper has developed into quite a pitcher and holds this position on the Sophomore Class team. Boushall was elected vice-president

of the Young Men's Christian Association and an assistant marshal for commencement.

Flagler is a member of the second year medical class and as this is as far as this department goes at this place he will not return. The chapter regrets his leaving very much indeed

JOHN H. BOUSHALL

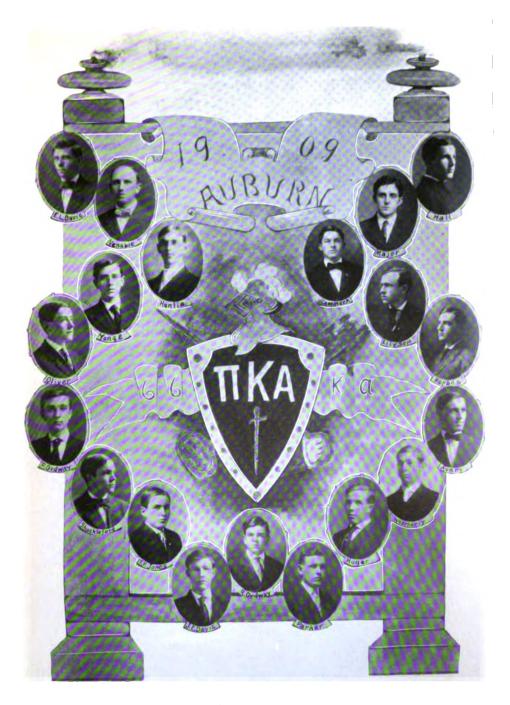


Upsilon

Alabama Polytechnic Institute

This is our last chapter letter which, as I understand, is to be a review of the year. The success of any chapter depends on two items; namely, the success of its members in the college departments, the success of the inside fraternity work. As will be presently shown, Upsilon has taken her share of college honors. Now, as to the next item, it can most frankly be said that there has been a great deal of interest shown in all fraternity work during the year, there has been a good attendance at every meeting and as a consequence our chapter has done some good work. After a deliberate consideration of all facts, Upsilon's 1908-09 record declared itself a vast improvement over that of previous years and is in harmony with Auburn's brilliant foot-ball record of this year.

By graduation, we lose this commencement, three of Upsilon's best men. They have all been in active service a long time and each has played an important part in putting our chapter on its present solid foundation. We regret to see them go but nevertheless, we can assure the Fraternity of three loyal alumni. These graduates are Hall, Ellyson and Hanlin. It has not been announced but (on the side) Auburn's little catcher, Hall, will easily make "All-Southern." During the past year Ellyson has distinguished himself as a 1st lieutenant of Company B. Hanlin, editor-in-chief of the "Glomerata," has



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just completed this work and, when last seen, was wearing a smile and smoking a good cigar.

In the list of honors given we omit the "distinctions" in class work for this year. Commack, who came to us last September from Delta Chapter, is classed as a Senior but, on account of one or two Junior studies, will be with us next year. What have our Juniors done? Sergeants Davis, E. L. and Yonge are drilling in crack Company A and by their stern demeanor, have made marked impressions on the Colonel and the ladies. Shackelford loves a life of ease. He has been honored with the position of assistant floor manager of the Phoenix German Club. Forbes is a crack Company A man and a baseball player of world-wide reputation, having made a brilliant record on the "Varsity squad" and was a shining star on the class team. F. P. Jones, though not a wearer of the stripes, by his excellent military bearing, knowledge and conduct, has the honor of drilling a sergeant in crack Company C. Venable, a 'Varsity foot-ball man '03-'04 returned last September and this "old war horse" has again taken a leading part in all college affairs. Last of the Juniors, though not least, comes Ordway. Ordway is a crack Company F man and is a born civil engineer.

Next comes the Sophs. J. E. Davis, 1st corporal, vice-president of his class, 'Varsity man in both foot-ball and track, a member of his class basket-ball team, must head the list. This record speaks for itself. I. P. Huger, a proud, smiling corporal, is drilling hard in crack Company B. E. S. Allen is a baseball man. He was on the 'Varsity squad and took several trips with the team. Since the class baseball games, Allen has been known as Captain Allen for he was elected captain of the class team. We are down to the Freshman. T. F. Parker is a 'Varsity basket-ball man, he holds the trustworthy office of treasurer of his class and was made captain of his class baseball team. E. A. Major is another 'Varsity

basket-ball man and was made manager of the class basket-ball team. P. S. Avery is a crack company man and a basket-ball player of note, distinguishing himself on the Freshman basket-ball team.

The addresses of our men are:

Seymour Hall, (He does not know himself).

R. B. Ellyson, Citronelle, Ala.

J. G. Hanlin, Sheffield, Ala.

N. G. Cammack, Jr., 1717 West Ala. St., Selma, Ala. Willis Venable, East Lake, Ala.

E. L. Davis, Oak Grove, Ala.

L. B. Forbes, Schenectady, N. Y.

C. C. Yonge, 316 Guillemarde St., Pensacola, Fla. Yonge Shackelford, 28 Virginia Ave., Montgomery, Ala.

F. P. Jones, 2231 Arlington Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

W. C. Oliver, 1118 San Jacinto St. Houston, Texas.

Frank Ordway, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

L. B. Ordway, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

J. P. Hoger, Anniston, Ala.

E. S. Allen, 1323 Tuscaloosa Ave., Birmingham, Ala

T. F. Parker 1128 N. 29 St., Birmingham, Ala.

P. S. Avery, 27 E. Gregory St., Pensacola, Fla.

E. A. Major, Birmingham, Alabama.

Upsilon wishes every brother a pleasant, cool summer.

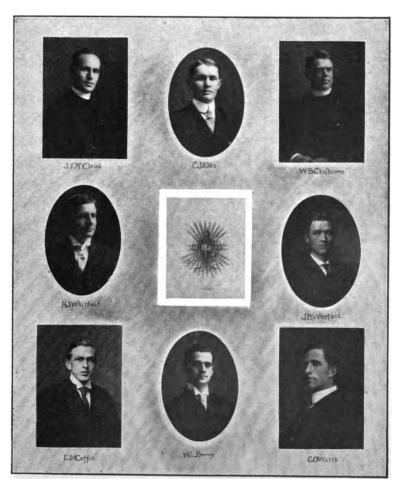
W. C. OLVER.

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University of the South

Since our last letter, the greatest convention in the annals of Pi Kappa Alpha has passed into history, and we all feel sure that what was accomplished by it will prove for the best interests of the Fraternity.

All of the Commencement honors have not, as yet, been announced. The faculty has elected Berry, Valedictorian of the Senior class, and Watts, Salutatorian and we are sure that Chi will get her share of the other honors. Berry



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represented the University in the annual debate with Vanderbilt. Coffin, Ellis, and Whitfield have entered the tennis tournament and are expected to hold their own.

The members of the chapter with their summer addresses are:

- F. J. H. Coffin, Sewance, Tenn.
- G. O. Watts, Covington, Tenn.
- W. L. Perry, Franklin, Tenn.
- C. J. Ellis, Jr., Rayville, La.
- B. N. McCraven, Jr., 1203 McKinney Ave., Houston, Texas.
 - H. J. Whitfield, 613 South 2nd St., Columbus, Miss.

Of this number three, Watts, Berry and Ellis, graduate. Coffin, Watts, Berry and Whitfield expect to return next year.

During the baseball season, Chi had the pleasure of visits from Brothers Hall of Upsilon and Hillenmeyer of Omega, both of whom starred for their respective teams. Chi is always glad to welcome any visiting II to the mountain.

Henry J. Whitfield.

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Psi

North Georgia Agricultural College

As the end of the college year draws near, Psi Chapter looks back with pride to the unstained record of this year. It has been her banner year, and we feel safe in predicting greater success for next year.

And now we have come to the happy ending of the year, commencement. But mingled with joys is a sadness at the thought of the men who will not return. At this time nearly all the chapters lose men, and Psi is more unfortunate than most of them. She loses four men by graduation and two men find it impossible to return for business reasons. Although so many of us are leaving, we feel sure that we leave behind a body of men amply capable of caring for the Chapter's affairs. Those graduating are Galloway, Willingham, Akers, and Power.

Henderson and Roberts are the undergraduates not returning, leaving eight men to start the new year.

Psi's men this year have won many honors in every department of college life. Below is a roll containing the most important honors:

- T. O. Galloway, Elberton, Ga., Cadet Captain; Captain Football Team, Prophet of Senior class; Champion Debater; Editor of "North Georgia," 06-07-08; Business Manager of "Cyclops," 08; President of Athletic Association.
- E. D. Willingham, 74 East Merritts Ave., Atlanta, Ga., Cadet 1st Lieutenant and Battalion Adjutant; Historian of Senior class.

William Akers, 29 Spence St., Atlanta, Ga., 'Varaity Baseball Team, 07-08-09; Poet of Senior class.

Fred H. Henderson, Chicamauga, Ga., 'Varsity Football Team, 06-07-08; Class Athletic Director.

Felder H. Harley, Valdosta, Ga., Cadet Sergeant; Treasurer of Freshman class.

Julian Ellison, Waynesboro, Ga., Cadet Sergeant; Assistant Business Manager of "Cyclops."

Lee B. Mathews, Hawkinsville, Ga.

J. Arthur Hollingsworth, Tifton, Ga.

Ray W. Harris, Dalton, Ga.

Cecil Neal, Gainesville, Ga., 'Varsity Baseball Team.

W. T. Johnstone, 106 Lamar St., Macon, Ga.

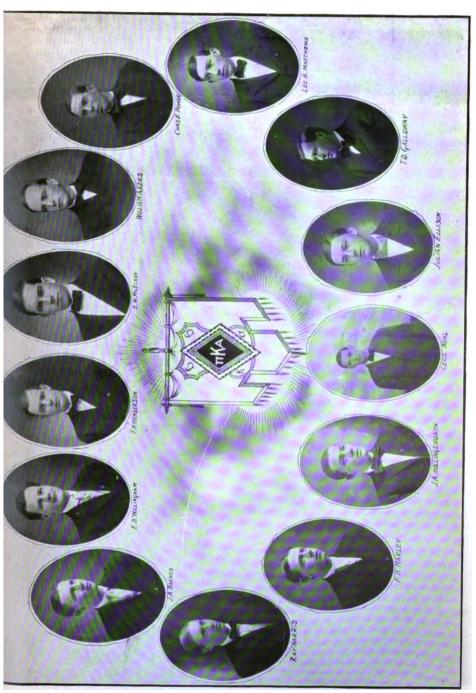
W. A. Roberts, 19 West 21st St., White Stone, Long Island, New York, Cadet 1st Sergeant.

Chas. E. Power, Vienna, Ga., 1st Lieutenant Artillery; Manager Football Team; Business Manager of "Cyclops."

Psi gave her annual picnic at Porter Springs, about 10 miles from town, on Monday, May 10th. A more thoroughly enjoyable picnic has never been given.

We have been entertaind most delightfully by our sisters in town.

We have recently received an invitation to Alpha-Delta's dance, to be given on June 4th, and take this occasion to



thank them again for their courtesy. Some of us will doubtless attend.

This letter marks the last milestone of a most successful year, not only for Psi Chapter, but for the Fraternity. Each one has contributed to this success, perhaps not as much as could have been wished, but may all of us be able to say conscientiously, "Our best." And as we part from the dearest friends that man can ever have, may our consolation be that the loss by graduation to the active chapters, is a gain for the Fraternity in the form of earnest and hard working alumni.

Best wishes to all for a pleasant vacation, and a most successful year to follow.

CHAS. E. POWER.

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Omega

State University

We are indeed gratified at the reports from the Convention and only regret that another is not to be held next year. Every one reported the best kind of a time which certainly speaks well for the chapters at New Orleans. Expansion was received with quite a bit of enthusiasm here by both the members and alumni. We have a great field before us and there is no reason why we should not soon become strong in the North as well as the South.

Our baseball team has not been as successful as it might have been yet we are satisfied with the showing under the conditions. We will finish second in the championship race the first honors going to Central College at Danville. Our team takes a southern trip playing several games there which we hope to make a creditable showing.

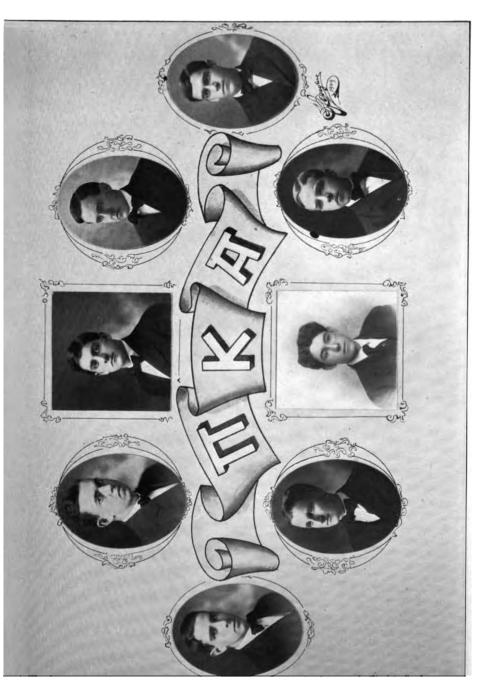
In the Gym tournament here Hedges won his letter and also the second honors in the exhibition. He will likely be elected Captain of next year's team.

Orr is our only graduate this year. He is one of the best men in the Mechanical Department and Omega will miss him very much. He will likely be engaged in overseeing contracts for a well-known local contractor. He has held a position in his department for the last several years and possibly he may be with us next year as an Instructor. He is a member of the "Annual Staff" and from all reports the publication will be a credit to the class and institution.

The college fraternities and societies have been the hosts from time to time of very enjoyable dances. There has not been a week since the holidays that some kind of entertainment has not been given. These dances in the main have been elaborate and the college folk have been well entertained this year. These dances continue to the close of college ending with the famous "Farewell Hop."

State won the inter-collegiate track meet from six competitors. It was an easy victory as we doubled the points of our nearest competitor. Collins is a member of the track team and holds the record mile for the institution.

Omega has shared well the honors of the institution this vear. Orr is a member of the Tau Beta Pi (an honorary engineering Fraternity) besides holding a position in the institution. Dance Committee. "Annual Staff." Mystic Thirteen, Lamp and Cross, and an all round good fellow. Goodwin upholds Omega in the social world, Wilhoit is one of the most popular men in school besides being a good student. Collins is a member of the track team and an all round athlete. He is a key and member of the Band and quite a student despite the fact he is an Agricultural student. Kelly is another of our social "stars" closely pushed by Hedges who is a member of the Gym team, Glee Club, College Band, Class Foot-ball team, Key, Thirteen, Foot-ball Squad and a Sophomore Hillenmeyer is a Lamp and Cross, Mystic Thirteen, President of Agricultural Society, Junior Football team, and member of the 'Varsity nine. The Lamp





and Cross (a Senior society) is one of the most important organizations in the institutions and it is quite an honor to be asked. The Mystic Thirteen is a Junior society and thirteen most popular men in college are chosen. The Keys is a Sophomore organization consisting of ten members.

The addresses for the summer of Omega's men will likely be:

T. James Orr, Lexington, Ky., with Anderson & Frankel.

H. Berkly Hedges, Lexington, Ky., 118 Barr St.

Geo. Early Goodwin, Lexington, Ky., 432 S. Broadway.

W. W. Hillenmeyer, Lexington, Ky., Box 386.

William Collins, North Middletown, Ky.

Clement Kelly, Crafton, Penn.

Jno. Wilhoit, Versailles, Ky.

We were unfortunate enough to lose two members this year both leaving college. We hope to see them back next year.

Commencement exercises start on May 31st and continue about a week. The College closes on the 7th of June. It will resume next September. The date is not set but will be about the middle of the month.

Omega regrets that this is to be the last letter from the chapter for several months. All the members will miss the magazine and the II news that it contains. We wish each and every II the best kind of a time during the vacation and extend to any wandering II a most cordial welcome to Lexington where we will see that he is well entertained. If you are about look any of us up as you will not regret it. With best wishes.

W. W. HILLENMEYER.



Alpha-Alpha Trinity College

As our final examinations begin on May 24th every member of Alpha-Alpha is deeply concerned as to whether he will be so fortunate as to make his work successfully, and already hard work is the order of the day. But "every cloud has a silver lining," and there is great consolation felt that after examinations, commencement—the jolliest time of the whole year—comes, and then the vacation.

The college year just closing has been a very successful one for Alpha-Alpha. The following honors have been taken:

- R. M. Gantt, Pitcher on 'Varsity baseball team; Contestant for "Wiley Gray" medal,
- W. S. Stewart, Oaptain of Junior class baseball team; member of the 'Varsity basket-ball team; on Junior class tennis team; member of the "Tombs," a secret organization of the Junior class.
- B. S. Hurley, Member of the Glee Club; Marshal of Columbian Literary Society.
 - T. B. Harris, Treasurer of Sophomore class.
 - G. D. Gantt. Commenceent Marshal.
 - J. M. Howard, Jr., Member of the Glee Club.

The following is our chapter roll and the summer addresses of each member:

- R. M. Gantt, Bellwood, N. C.
- W. S. Stewart, Box 213, Charlotte, N. C.
- T. C. Whitley, Blounts' Creek, N. C.
- B. S. Hurley, Troy, N. C.
- T. B. Harris, 160 N. Union St., Concord, N. C.
- G. S. Lee, Jr., Monroe, N. C.
- J. M. Howard, Jr., Newbern, N. C.
- G. D. Gantt, Shelby, N. C.
- R. M. Gantt will graduate with this year's class, but expects to return next year, and become a student in the Department of Law. We expect every member of the chapter to return next year, except Whitley, who is going to drop out of school for a year.

Our baseball team has just closed another successful season. R. M. Gantt has pitched almost all of the hard

games and has sustained the great reputation he made last year. Out of twenty-one college games played this year, Trinity has won sixteen.

But in debates Trinity can not boast of so good a record as she has made in athletics. On the night of April 17, we lost to Sewanee. This was the first of a series of debates between these two colleges.

Invitations to the Trinity commencement exercises have been issued, and the speaking attractions are among the best that this institution has ever booked. The commencement address will be delivered by Senator Jonathan P. Dolliver, of Iowa, on June 9, at which time commencement closes.

It is customary at this college, for the Fraternities to give banquets at commencement. Alpha-Alpha is making great preparations for her's, which affair comes off on the night of June 8, at Hotel Corcoran.

Wishing every II a pleasant vacation.

T. B. HARRIS.



Alpha-Gamma

Louisiana State University

It is with a feeling of sadness that Alpha-Gamma's scribe takes up his quill to pen the farewell letter for the session of '08-'09, which is so rapidly drawing to a close. But mingled with the sadness and longing there is, at the same time, something—call it what you may—that makes one feel that sadness should not alone reign supreme, for during the past session, the Goddess of Fortune has, indeed, graciously smiled upon this band of brothers.

Alpha-Gamma has taken the following honors during the past session:

- G. P. Lessley, President of Senior Law Class.
- T. M. Wade, Jr., Treasurer of Senior Academic.
- S. E. Mary, Captain of 'Varsity Baseball Team; 1st Vice-president of Cotillion Club; Sergeant of Cadet Band.

W. H. Thompson, Pitcher on 'Varsity Baseball Team; Member of Cotillion Club.

H. V. Moseley, Humorous Editor of "Gumbo"; Assistant Editor of "Reveille"; Member of Cotillion Club.

P. J. Miller, Cadet Corporal and Assistant Surgeon of Hospital: Member of Cotillion Club.

J. R. Perez. Member of Cotillion Club.

The summer addresses of the members are as follows:

Wood Harmon Thompson, Harrisonburg, La.

George Peets Lessley, Carencro, La.

George Alexander Dutton, Winnfield, La.

Thomas Buffington Beale, Baton Rouge, La.

Sebastin Etienne Mary, Brusly, La.

Thomas Magruder Wade, Jr., Newellton, La.

Henry Clay Walker, Jr., Homer, La.

John Rene Perez, Jesuit Bend, La.

Preston Joseph Miller, Carencro, La.

John Taylor Laycock, Baton Rouge, La.

Henry Vincent Moseley, Alexandria, La.

Lamont Seals, Homer, La.

Earnest Denis Viguerie, Baldwin, La.

The following men expect to graduate:

W. H. Thompson, Law; G. P. Lessley, Law; G. A. Dutton, Law; J. R. Perez, Law; T. B. Beale, Academic; J. T. Laycock, Academic; T. M. Wade, Academic.

Our prospects for the next session are fine; our chapter house will be completed ere the summer is over, and as to new members, we have several pledges.

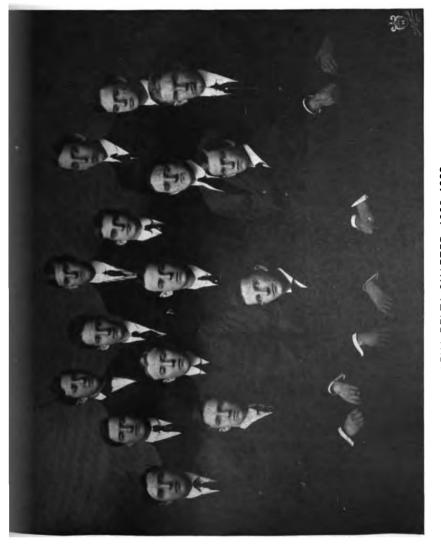
Let me close wishing every Π a pleasant vacation and hoping that each and every chapter will return a goodly number to carry the old "Gold and Garnet" banner to victory another year.

H. C. WALKER, JR.

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Alpha-Delta Georgia School of Technology

The baseball season of Tech is now over and every one seems very well satisfied with the record our team has



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made. Most of our team will return next year so we expect a still better record in the future.

Examinations will start on June 3rd, and school closes on the 17th. The "promenade" will be on the evening of the 16th.

We are now closing the banner year of Alpha-Delta. Last September we returned seven men. During the year six men were initiated and one alumnus after being away from Tech for two years, returned. The chapter now consists of the following. The summer addresses are also given:

Bonner Bruce Adams, Pavo, Ga. Nathaniel Edward Adamson, Jr., 203 Sixth Ave., Rome. Ga.

Duncan Hancock Brown, Hawkinsville, Ga.
John Givhan Gilliam, Hattiesburg, Miss.
Harry McIntire Houser, Perry, Ga.
Sam Norwood Hodges, Perry, Ga.
Clifford James Matthews, Fort Valley, Ga.
Joe Watts McKenzie, Montezuma, Ga.
Charles Harden Peacock, 137 Magnolia St., Macon, Ga.
Mac Trotter Robertson, Dalton, Ga.
Frank Arthur Stivers, Chattanooga, Tenn.
James Alman Tommins, 500 Spring St., Atlanta, Ga.
William Heber Thames, Hattiesburg, Miss.
Reuben Howell Williams, 220 High St., Macon, Ga.

Stivers took second honor in Freshman class during the first term. Hodges played star football as tackle on the Junior team. Adamson is an editor on the Annual staff.

Since our last letter one of our sisters, Miss Estelle Nantz, has committed matrimony. Our chapter attended the wedding which occurred on April 28th at the bride's home. Mr. F. H. Houser, her husband, is the brother of our Harry Houser.

We have been greatly encouraged this year by the interest shown by the alumni in Atlanta. Among those who

have attended our meetings are N. I. Adams and R. M. Gann, alumni of Alpha-Delta, Blodgett, Cooledge and Stephens of Alpha Mu, and McElroy, Barnes and Johnson of Psi. Brother Underwood, our Grand Secretary, has made several inspiring talks during the year. On the evening of May 15th, Brother Hall of Upsilon, met with us. He told us, in a most entertaining way, of Upsilon's work. To them we extend our heartiest congratulations for their magnificent record.

We will lose Houser on the first of June. He goes to accept a responsible position at the Piedmont Hotel. While not an active member, yet he will still attend our meetings and be "one of us."

We will also lose Adamson by graduation, he may, however, return for a post-graduate course.

Alpha Delta wishes all IIs a most pleasant summer.

N. E. Adamson, Jr.

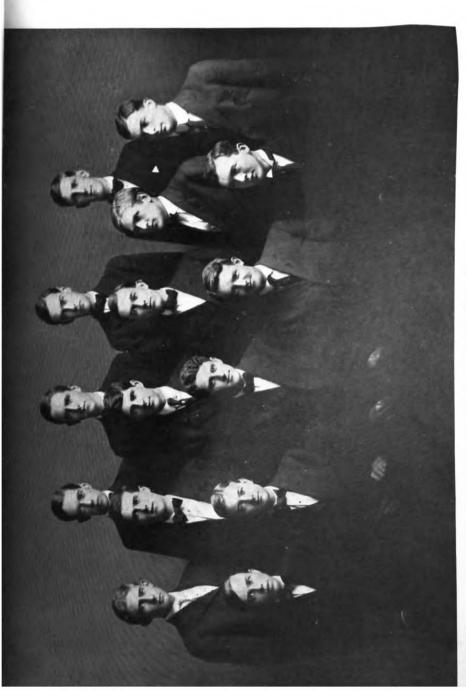
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Alpha-Epsilon

Since our last writing Alpha-Epsilon has added one more man to her chapter roll and to the ranks of the II's. We take great pleasure in introducing, as a brother, J. E. Beaman of Clinton, N. C. On Easter Monday night this chapter gave its annual dance complimentary to the other fraternities in college. The occasion was greatly enjoyed by the large crowd present and proved to be one of the most brilliant social events of the year.

Our baseball team has made a splendid record this year. The long list of victories to their credit include those over teams recognized as the best throughout the South. Springs, at a recent meeting of the athletic association, was elected manager of the baseball team for next season.

Commencement exercises at this college will begin May 23rd, quite an elaborate program has been arranged and is being looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure.



One of the features of commencement week will be the dances given by the several fraternities in college. The dances are always largely attended and greatly enjoyed.

On hearing the report of its delegate the chapter expressed itself as greatly pleased with work of the convention. All of the members think that extension into the Northern territory, under the plan adopted by the convention, will greatly add to the strength of the Fraternity.

The appointments of cadet officers for next year were recently made. Springs received an appointment as a lieutenant.

The following are the honors taken by the members of Alpha-Epsilon during this year: 1st Lieutenant of the Band; Sergeant Company "B"; sub. on 'Varsity Football team; men on class baseball and football teams; 7 men in German Club; Membership in literary societies; editor of College Annual; one man on track team, Delegate to Y. M. C. A. Convention; Membership in Mechanical, Textile and Biological Societies.

Summer addresses of the members:

W. R. Marshall, Rocky Mount, N. C.

St. J. L. Springs, Georgetown, S. C.

J. M. Bradfield, Charlotte, N. C.

C. A. Stedman, Greensboro, N. C.

R. E. Bencini, High Point, N. C.

W. E. Bair, Jr., 457 Auburn Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

Willis Holding, Raleigh, N. C.

John Knox, Raleigh, N. C.

J. E. Beaman, Clinton, N. C.

D. H. Hill, Jr., West Raleigh, N. C.

D. H. HILL, JR.



Alpha-Zeta

University of Arkansas

Another year with its sunshine and shadows rapidly draws to a close. Between us and our much needed vaca-



tions blocking the way is the last examination week. Let us hope we all will mother it safely.

If it were not for the fact that this letter must go in rather early probably we could add to the names of our three initiates of this year four or five others, but we shall bide our time and tell you more about them next fall. However, allow us to introduce Brother Willis Elfin Lephiem of Dermott, Arkansas, our fourth initiate of the year.

We were very sorry to lose Brother Koser just one month before commencement. He is highly admired by us all and a bigger-hearted and more sincere boy never wore the badge. Let us hope that a diploma will be an inducement for his return next fall.

Several months ago the dormitory division of the II family here entertained some of their "out-town" ladies and gentlemen with a royal dormitory dinner. On a grander scale and with more success was the sumptuous spring chicken dinner so highly appreciated by others a month later. In fact so charming and entertaining have these "country II's" become that as Brother Alphin has expressed it "A Dormitory II" would be a fitting epitaph for any brother here.

Alpha-Zeta will not be on the list of those who will have chapter houses next year but we shall make up this deficiency by endeavoring to follow out the suggestion of Nelson and Bailey to do some "spreading out." Under this suggestion we hope to have the cooperation of our older friends and relatives who are scattered over the state in assisting us in locating material before the fall term opens.

It is interesting to note the progress made by our Chapter in the baseballistic line. On the eve of examination week the Sigma Nu boys accepted our challenge for a game. We met on one Friday afternoon and came out victors by a score of 4 to 1. Special mention should be made of Smith's fielding and Miles' work on the initial pad. Woodson and Cooper were our no hit battery.

Bailey made an error in left but this was overlooked when he dropped a drive behind center and came sailing in home. Martin, our heavy Junior center, assures us that we will have a splendid eleven when fall comes.

We are proud of the record made by our baseball team. Eighteen hard games have been played so far with a loss of but five. We have three more to play—one with the Missouri State Normals and two with the Oklahoma University. A heavy course necessitated Yocum vacating the pitching staff early in the season leaving Sample to be our only representative on the team.

The university in general holds its own fairly well. A strong movement has been on foot during the year having for its aim the removal of this institution to the Capital City. The question with many seems to be, why we haven't been moved long time ago.

It has been conceded by many that our university has never before witnessed such a social year as this one has been. Dances, receptions and banquets have followed each other in rapid succession throughout the whole year. It was this year that the Freshmen came out from the grass and gave their "first annual dance." It was at this gayly festooned affair that Brothers Yocum and Miles whirled to their hearts content and came limping homeward in the wee small hours the heroes of the night.

Below is a list of addresses good until fall:
Roy Robert Chamberlain, Malvern, Ark.
Ed Francis Woodson, Huntington, Ark.
Iver Gough, McCurtain, Okla.
Herbert Martin, Warren, Ark.
Pat Bailey, Warren, Ark.
Ray Purcell, Warren, Ark.
Chas. Sample, Eldorado, Ark.
Lynne Goodwin, Eldorado, Ark.
Hendrick Alphin, Eldorado, Ark.
Walter Miles, Eldorado, Ark.
Chambers Boles, Fayetteville, Ark.

Thomas Barnett, Eureka Springs, Ark. Henry Yocum, Eldorado, Ark. Earl Shipley, Booneville, Ark. Willis Elfin Lephiem, Dermont, Ark. J. Pruett Melson, Moskogee, Okla. Roy Goodwin, Eldorado, Ark.

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Alpha-Eta

University of Florida

The university closes on May 25th and we are looking forward to the good old "summer time."

On the 14th we had our annual ball at the Elks home. All the dancing members of the other fraternities were present. The hall was very artistically decorated with pennants, evergreens and "garnet and gold." In the center hung the coat of arms. A bevy of girls came over from Jacksonville and McIntosh to honor the occasion. Mrs. S. G. Bouis, mother of Brother Bouis, chaperoned the girls. Refreshments were served and all expressed themselves as having had a very pleasant time.

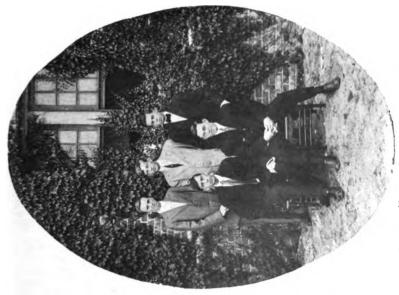
Our President, Dr. Andrew Sledd, will not be with us next year. Dr. A. A. Murphree, President of the Florida Female College at Tallahassee, will succeed him. Dr. Murphree is a very able man and the University will certainly prosper by the change.

Our delegate to the convention gave a very interesting report of the "doings" at New Orleans. All the members were very glad to learn that expansion was carried.

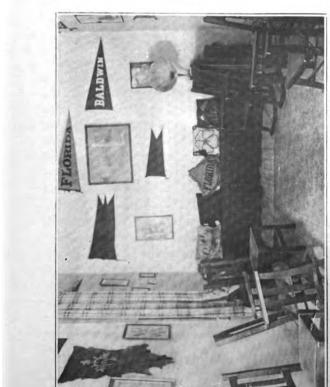
Sometime during the summer two new buildings, Science Hall and Experiment Station, will be erected on the campus.

Last week Dr. Benton, our Physic professor, gave a lecture to the student body on "optical illusion." He has given several like lectures during the year.

A tennis tournament was played during last week.



Агриа-Ета Спартев, 1908-1909.



ALPHA-ETA CHAPTER ROOM.

Riley was Alpha-Eta's representative. The cup was won by a post-graduate, a non-frat man.

Alpha-Eta has no members to graduate this year. Of the honors taken, Riley comes off with vice-president of commencement hall.

The summer addresses of our members are:

Louis Kesuth Riley, Jr., 1434 Hubbard St., Jackson-ville, Fla.

Hawarth Earle Bouis, 1718 Main St., Jacksonville, Fla. Clifford Betsworth Haughton, 1603 Main St., Jacksonville, Fla.

William Evans Christian, McIntosh, Fla. Edgar Peck Greene, Gainesville, Fla.

Riley and Haughton will not be with us next year.

We send best wishes to all IIs.

E. PECK GREENE.



Alpha-Iota Millsaps College

Unlike the majority of the chapters Alpha-Iota is not able to start her June letter with a long list of victories on the gridiron, or on the baseball diamond. In fact Millsaps would this year be overjoyed to recount even some defeats. It is a lamentable fact that we are barred from inter-collegiate athletics, and our only hope is that the conferences will soon decide to leave the question in the hands of the faculty. General interest is flagging as a result of discontent, but brighter days are probably near, who knows?

In the recent death of Bishop Chas. B. Galloway the College has sustained an irreparable loss. He has been intimately connected with Millsaps since her founding. He was president of our board of trustees, and also that of Vanderbilt.

We were pleased to meet Brother Mary of Alpha-Gamma as he passed through Jackson with the L. S. U. base-ball team.

Brother Olsen of Theta was also recently here taking the state medical examinations.

Brother Mullins is much elated over his recent visit to Delta. He brought back a very glowing report of the character of the men composing the chapter, their stand in college and especially their hospitality to a visiting Pi.

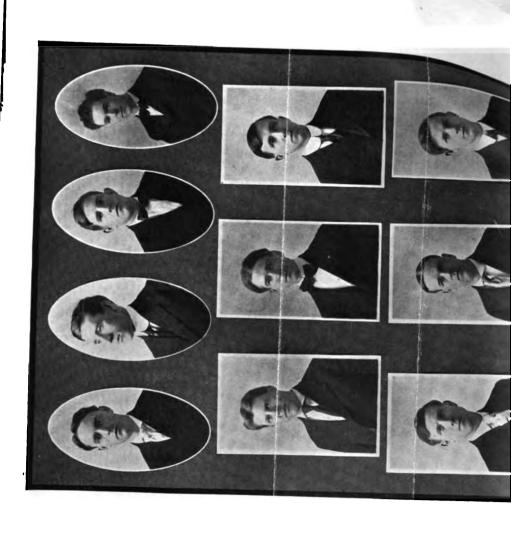
Fate seems to have been a little cruel to Millsaps this year as we lost both in the debate with Southern and State oratorical contest. However we are in no wise discouraged as we still claim the majority of victories from both contests.

Since our last letter we initiated into our ranks Frank Ray Price, Carpenter, Miss., and we take great pleasure in introducing him to the Fraternity. He is of the class of '12 and bids fair to bring honor and credit to II K A.

We lose by graduation this year Stennis and Mullins. Williams intends at present to go to Vanderbilt next year and we are all sorry to lose him, for he is one of our strongest men. Wright, Dorman, and Carlisle will also probably not return. The latter three are "yearlings" and two of them could return if they so desired. We would like to see this sort of thing discouraged because it takes more than a mere few months for a man to know II K A and be true to her standards.

On the commencement program this year as usual Alpha-Iota is well represented and no doubt our share of the honors will be taken. In the inter-society debate we are represented by Crisler and Williams, in the Senior Oratorical contest by Mullins, and in the Sophomore contest by Glass and Jumper. Crisler represents the college at the State Chautauqua contest to be held at Crystal Springs in July.

On Monday evening, June the seventh, we are to have our annual reception given in honor of the faculty and Senior class. This is to be the culminating event of our social affairs, and we are looking forward with much pleasure to it.



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Our summer addresses are as follows:

A. F. Kelly, Laurel, Miss.

R. J. Mullins, Meadville, Miss.

T. A. Stennis, DeKalb, Miss.

F. S. Williams, Jackson, Miss.

M. L. Neill, Montrose, Miss.

R. B. Alexander, Montrose, Miss.

J. W. Crisler, Crystal Springs, Miss.

M. B. Jumper, Grand Ave., Jackson, Miss.

G. L. Carlisle, Arizona St., El Paso, Texas.

E. M. Jones, Jackson, Miss.

M. W. Dorman, Lexington, Miss.

R. H. Wright, Grenada, Miss.

F. R. Price, Carpenter, Miss.

D. H. Glass, Sullis, Miss.

T. W. Lewis, Jr., 409 S. 3rd St., Columbus, Miss.

In many ways this has been an exceedingly successful year for Alpha-Iota, and our banner is still flying high among the best at Millsaps. It will be with a feeling of reluctance that we are soon to separate, some not soon to enter our chapter halls again, but we know that each man who leaves carries that true love and loyalty in his heart that is characteristic of all II's.

Alpha-Iota wishes every Pi Kap a most delightful summer and may some fortune smile upon each and every one.

T. W. LEWIS, JR.



Alpha-Kappa

Missouri School of Mines

There has not been much to chronicle at Rolla since our last letter. The ordinary school work has engrossed and we are now in the midst of preparing for the year's final examinations, which start next week.

The Pan-Hellenic Baseball season ended rather disastrously for Alpha-Kappa. The only satisfaction that

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- R. H. Wright, Grenada, Wise.
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- D. H. Glass, Sullis, Miss.
- T. W. Lewis, Jr., 409 E. Sell-St., Colombius, Mar.

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The 'Varsity team is having its share of ups and downs losing just as many games as they have won. Owen is playing right field on the team.

"The Rollamo" our year book, is out at last and scored a great success. The writer prides himself on being on the Board of Editors.

The chapter has had a prosperous year and those who return next fall will come back full of good Π K A spirit.

Only twelve men answer to the roll call now, six of our members having dropped out during the year. They are: Edwin Phelps Murray, Fosterville, Wis.

Donald Hewson Radcliff, Tuxedo Park, Mo.

Coral T. Heydecker, 150 Park Ave., Waukegan, Ill. Walter Finney Slegmond, 3225 S Jefferson Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Andre Joseph Kerr, 2138 S. Compton Ave., St. Louis,

Robert Croftis Purcell, 4239 Laclede Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Of our present membership only one will not return, he will graduate this year.

Harry Clay Kibe, 911 Vine St., Davenport, Iowa.

The summer addresses of those who will return are:

Horace Tharp Mann, Rolla, Mo.

Harvey Edson Smith, Rolla, Mo.

Theodore Saunders Dunn, 801 N. County St., Waukegan, Ill.

Harmon Edwin Minor, 611 Macon St., Canon City, Colo.

Harvey Skidmore Owen, 1206 Morrison Place, St. Louis, Mo.

James Keller Beach, Dallas, Texas. Arthur Gustav Pudewa, Rolla, Mo.

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Oscar Alan Randelph, 1528 Harrison St., Kansas City, Mo.

Harold Dennis McKibben, 2847 E. 7th St., Kansas City, Mo.

Alexander Scott Bilderback, 2003 E. 7th St., Kansas City, Mo.

Eugene Harding Broughton, 220 W. McCarty St., Jefferson City, Mo.

There are no scholastic honors to be taken at Rolla, but in other lines of student activities Alpha-Kappa was well represented.

McKibben and Kerr were on the football team. Owen is on the baseball team. Dunn was on this year's "Roll-amo" Board and Smith is a member of next year's Board. Smith and Owen were also members of the famous School of Mines' Minstrel Troupe.

There aren't very many things outside of the school work to do here but Alpha-Kappa has been well represented in what even there has been.

Wishing all the IIs a happy vacation.

T. S. Dunn.



Alpha-Lambda

Georgetown University

The school year of 1908-09 is almost at an end and we have but little left of it but examinations and commencement. This has been a most enjoyable year in spite of the fact that Georgetown has had unwelcome visitors in the shape of typhiod fever, small-pox and other such misfortunes.

Alpha-Lambda returned but three men last fall and has taken in but two since that time but we have succeeded in carrying off our full share of honors in all lines. In athletics we had four men on the 'Varsity foot-ball team, one of them being captain and an "all Kentucky" man. In basket-ball we had the manager and two men on the

team. Bradford has been elected captain of next year's team. He was one of the fastest forwards in the State. We also had one man on the gym team, two on the baseball team and three on the track team. The captain of the track team was furnished by Alpha-Lambda.

Kenney who is one of our new men has a brilliant record for this year having succeeded in making every team that represented us. He is also making an enviable record in his studies and society.

Other honors that we have taken this year are:

President Y. M. C. A., Associate Editor "Georgetonian," Vice-president Junior class.

Our baseball team began the season with an almost entirely new line-up but they have rounded into form and are playing a great game now.

None of our men graduate this year and we expect to have the following roster next fall at the beginning of school:

- W. G. Bradford, Brooksville, Ky.
- O. M. Moreland, Georgetown, Ky.
- C. B. Robinson, Georgetown, Ky.
- B. S. Kenney, Frankfort, Ky.
- H. J. Howard, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

Jesse H. Wells of Georgetown College won the State Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest this year, putting quite a feather in our cap.

The annual Junior reception was given May 19th at Rucker Hall and is said to have been the swellest affair of the kind that has ever been given here.

We hope all of you may have a prosperous and happy vacation and come back next fall with renewed strength for Pi Kappa Alpha.

O. M. MORELAND.

Alpha-Mu Valversity of Georgia

The "Georgia" baseball team didn't do as well as was expected, but considering the many disadvantages and

the "hard luck" under which it has been playing, has done remarkably well and still has bright chances of capturing the State championship. The return of Hammond Johnson, coach of last year's famous "champions" has strengthened these chances to a great degree.

Examinations, next to baseball, are now the all-absorbing topics and Alpha-Mu expects to come through these "unhappy incidents in college life" with flying colors.

We had the pleasure of recently meeting brothers Mc-Callister and Band, who came down as members of the Tennessee baseball team. Alpha-Mu was exceedingly favorably impressed with them, but regrets that on account of the small size of the chapter, she couldn't show them the "good time" that she wished to.

Brother Hulme has returned from the convention with many glowing accounts and "you just ought to have been there."

Honors taken this year:

- H. P. DeLaPerriere, Sophomore Declaimer, Junior Orator, Captain Football team '08, Sphinx, T. N. E. Our summer addresses:
 - G. H. Hulme, Jr., Athens, Ga.
 - J. S. McClelland, 544 Washington St., Atlanta, Ga.
 - C. C. Small, 140 Georgia Ave., Macon, Ga.
 - S. J. Smith, Commerce, Ga.
 - W. T. Townsend, Jasper, Ga.

We expect all to return with the exception of Bro. Hulme, and we have no graduates this year.

List of men who withdrew Christmas:

Jno. F. Blodgett, 240 Ivy St., Atlanta, Ga.

R. L. Stevens, 304 E. Linden Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

Cecil Neal, Gainesville, Ga.

H. C. Smith, Winder, Ga.

H. P. DeLaPerriere, Hoschton, Ga.

Brothers Stevens and Neal expect to return next year. C. C. SMALL.

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The Pi's

In order to make this department complete and more interesting, each member is earnestly requested to forward promptly to the Editor or Assistant Editor, any item of news concerning a brother member which may come under his notice.

—As a pleasant aftermath of the Convention, all who had the pleasure of meeting Brother Jas. Robert will read with interest the account of his wedding which took place April 25th. A great many names of IIs will be noted among the attendance as well as many of the Pi sisters whom we met at the delightful dance.

In the presence of a large gathering of friends the wedding of Miss Gladys Roberta Kearny and Prof. James Marshall Robert was solemnized by the Rev. John T. Foster at the Free Church of the Annunciation last Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock. The wedding was one of the prettiest of the season, and unique in many ways. Because of Professor Robert's prominence at Tulane University, where he has charge of the class in engineering, the faculty and student body of that institution were very much interested. The olive and blue of the university predominated in the pretty decorative scheme employed in the church. Palms, ferns and other greenery were also displayed in an attractive array. Added to this very pretty setting were the lovely gowns of the young women in the bridal party, which gave the ceremony the name "rainbow wedding." The sashes and girdles of various colors and the long ribbons which held together the shower bouquets of sweet peas, which the bridesmaids carried, added much to the effect.

The bride was attended by her younger sister, Miss Catherine Courtenay Kearney, who acted as maid of honor, and Misses Cora Spearing, Alice Robert, Frances Hart, Elma Follet, Gladys Hart and Myra Pond as bridesmaids. She looked lovely in an exquisite gown of white electra silk, made empire style, and trimmed in soft creamy lace. She carried a shower bouquet of bride roses. Professor Robert was attended by his brother, George Robert, who acted as best man. The ushers were: J. A. Oisonach, Marc Lejeunne, Orloff Henry, Sam Olliphant Keife,

Charles Syme, Hardy and Adam Lorch, Jr. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. Inskeep Kearny.

Following the ceremony a reception to the bridal party was held at the home of the bride's parents. Professor and Mrs. Robert left that evening for a short honeymoon trip. They will return to the city in about ten days. They were the recipients of many beautiful presents, one of the prettiest being an attractive little booklet "Our Marriage Vows," containing the Episcopal marriage ceremony and a full record of this particular event, which was the gift of Rev. Mr. Foster.

Mrs. Robert is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Inskeep Kearny and a particular favorite in her circle of friends.

—Omicron Chapter gave a beautiful dance at Hermitage Golf Club, April 13. The dance card was very tasty, containing on the back the badge embossed in old gold and garnet and the inside sheets were bound to it with cords of old gold and garnet to which the pencil was attached.

—The following from the New York Herald, April 22, leads us to ask if any Alpha-Kappa's men have been busy in this particular?

Authorities of Rolla, Mo., have voted to fine or imprison boys of a local college who firt with girls passing through the town on railroad trains. Rather crude. Much simpler thing would be to require the girls to look the other way or, still more simple, direct them to leave the trains at the boundary and walk around the town.

—J. Pike Powers, Ex-Grand Princeps, writes under date of May 6 "When I was in Asheville I had the pleasure of meeting Hon. Frank S. Carden, Rho, of Chattanooga, who for the second time was in the house of representatives. I also met Wm. Gallagher, an alumnus of Zeta Chapter who is the owner of a large farm in Roane County near Kingston, Tenn., and Capt. Chas. B. Rogan, who is connected with the Adjutant-general's office, Nashville, as a retired United States Army officer. All of these men promised to come to the convention in Knoxville, two years hence. The local boys have already commenced to raise subscriptions towards an entertainment fund. They are going to collect in the money promptly and put it in the savings bank."

- —The general office had the pleasure of a call on May 8 from Seymour Hall, Upsilon's delegate at the Convention. He was here at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute baseball team to play the Tech team. Hall is catcher and made some fine plays. He is still enthusiastic over the New Orleans Convention and predicts that all of his chapter will be at the next if they listen to him.
- —Jno. M. Arnold, Pi who passed State Bar examination in November is practicing law in Virginia and has just been elected a member of the city democratic executive committee.
- —W. R. McMurran, Pi, occupies a position with the Remington Standard Typewriter Company at 91 Plume Street, Norfolk, Virginia.
- —The general office has received the following invitation through the courtesy of Brother Lewis K. Riley, Jr.

Alpha Eta Chapter

of
Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity
at

The University of Florida
requests your presence at their Annual Ball
May fourteenth
Nineteen hundred and nine
nine o'clock

Armory

—Twelve men are spoken of as candidates for seats in the next house of representatives from Richmond. Among the names, we note that of Edwin P. Cox, Alpha. The Richmond Times Dispatch has the following to say in this connection.

"Even before the last Legislature adjourned, Mr. Cox was prominently spoken of as a logical candidate for the next speakership, and there is little doubt but that his name will be brought before the body."

—The News and Observer, North Carolina, publishes the following and we congratulate Brother Winborne, Tavon his victory.

Murfreesboro, N. C., May 7.—The town election held here last Tuesday was the conclusion of a hard fight, and the end was in a hot contest at the polls over the office of mayor. For this position the successful candidate was Mr. Stanley Winborne, who defeated Mr. D. C. Barnes.

Our new mayor is a popular and able young attorney of this city, the son of former Judge B. B. Winborne, and his administration is expected to be an excellent one.

- —Rev. George Summey, D.D., LL.D., Beta is managing editor of the South Western Presbyterian and Record which is published on Wednesdays from New Orleans, La.
- -Presbyterian of the South has the following to say regarding Rev. J. S. Foster, D.D., Theta, Petereburg, Va.

Coincident with Dr. Foster's decision to decline the attractive call to the First Church, Sherman, Texas, is the organization of a Brotherhood in the Tabb Street church, of forty-two charter members, and a large men's Bible Class, taught by Dr. Foster and the Superintendent of Education in the city schools. We may expect good things from this historic church.

- —Many members, of Iota particularly, will be grieved to learn of the death in Ithica, N. Y., Jan. 31, of Mrs. Burr, wife of one of the professors of Cornell University and formerly Miss Mattie Martin of Dublin, Va., a loyal Pi sister and a splendid friend.
- —In the New York Herald of May 17, there appears the pictures of five or six of the leading congressional representatives and their remarks urging the disposal of the Tariff Bill. Among these is our Brother Oscar W. Underwood, Alpha, and the following are his remarks.

Representative Underwood, of Alabama, second democratic member of the Ways and Means Committee and whose district contains the great iron and steel industry of the South, said:

"I have not been home since the House passed the tariff bill, but am in close touch with the sentiment of my constituency. I think it very important that we should enact the tariff bill into law at the very earliest opportunity with due consideration of the important questions which we have to consider. Early passage of the tariff would undoubtedly aid the country in a return to prosperous times, but I do not think that the tariff bill alone is the cause of present business conditions.

"The panic of 1907 knocked down the pyramid of prosperity. We must rebuild it gradually. The removal of tariff agitation from the business outlook will be of great benefit in hastening the return to good times. While the readjustment of tariff rates is not very great importance to Alabama, where the conditions are most advantageous for the production of iron and steel be-

cause of the proximity of ore and coal to the mills, yet their settlement is of the most vital importance to the country as a whole, and if we are to prosper the whole country must prosper. I should say that throughout the business community generally there is a keen desire that Congress should pass the tariff bill, adjourn and go home."

- —A very pleasing compliment as well as a very substantial one has just been paid to Brother J. Pike Powers, the city attorney for Knoxville, Tenn. His salary was raised at a recent meeting available from last January. He is the only city official so treated and we congratulate Brother Powers.
- —The General Office have received the following invitation and extends congratulations and good wishes to our Brother of Kappa Chapter. The happy couple will be at home after the first of July at 531 Vine Street, Paris, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Talbott invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter Edna Cecil

Mr. Wade Hampton Whitley
Thursday evening, June tenth
Nineteen hundred and nine
at six o'clock
151 Duncan Avenue
Paris, Kentucky

—Alpha-Delta Chapter has issued beautiful invitations to their annual dance. The card is headed with an embossed design of the badge in colors and the invitation which is beautifully engraved reads as follows:

Alpha-Delta Chapter
of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity
requests the honor of your presence
on Friday evening, June the fourth,
at nine o'clock.

Dancing.

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—Robert H. Adams, Beta 1904 is editor of the Southern Highlander published by the Berry School, Rome, Ga., in which he is a professor.

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Our Exchanges please note.

Kindly correct your mailing list so as to send one copy to each of the following:

P. Tulane Atkinson, Hampden-Sidney, Virginia.

Dr. H. B. Arbuckle, Decatur, Georgia.

W. G. Riddick, 709 Southern Trust building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

With this issue the present editor of this department turns over his pen to P. Tulane Atkinson (Iota), of Hampden-Sidney College, Hampden-Sidney, Virginia, who is here introduced to the Greek World. No introduction of Atkinson to any Pi is needed, for every one remembers that genial and jolly fellow who has attended a number of conventions in the last few years, and who has always brought to the discussion of problems confronting Pi Kappa Alpha a depth of thought and a sincerity of purpose that has won for him the admiration of every Pi. We predict for him unlimited success in his department.

Owing to the fact that this is the Convention number, the Exchange Department is of necessity crowded out.

Editorial

With this issue your Editor lays down his pen, taken up in 1891, and extends his best wishes to his successor who assumes the duties of the office with the new volume in October.

On November 27, 1890, a circular was issued from Charleston, S. C., "We are about to edit a magazine in the interests of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity" and asking for "promise to pay 25c for same on receipt."

From that issue until November, 1896, "THE PI KAPPA ALPHA JOURNAL" appeared at more or less regular intervals. With the issue of January, 1896, it assumed its more, distinctive name which it has borne ever since.

And now after eighteen volumes have been completed and the magazine has, with the growth and strength of II K A, become a large and influential one, it demands that more time and work be given it than one man can afford. It was, therefore a very wise step of the Convention, and one that will be fraught with much good results, to separate the literary and the business departments and to elect an Editor-in-Chief, whose sole attention can be given to the literary upbuilding of the magazine.

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The Fraternity is very fortunate in securing for the office of Editor-in-Chief one of such marked ability and such well-known devotion and loyalty as Walter G. Riddick of Little Rock, Ark. Under his management great improvement will result in the magazine and the whole Fraternity will feel the benefits.

We bespeak for this officer the same courteous treatment and loyal support which has been given to the present management.

In the resignation of J. Pike Powers, Jr., as Grand Princeps, the Fraternity has lost an able, conscientious, and devoted officer. By his quiet dignity, his ever courteous treatment, and his absolute impartiality, he won the heart of every II who attended the conventions over which he has so ably presided.

By his strong personality, he won the esteem of the other members of the Supreme Council who have been thrown on intimate terms with him for the past ten years. They learned first to admire the strong and forceful man, and then to love the splendid, jovial, noble fellow.

Wherever he goes Brother Powers will always carry with him the good wishes of every member of the Fraternity and the hearty "well done" of his fellow officers.

The Convention made a wise step in selecting J. Gordon Hughes as the successor of Brother Powers. For some years past, he has served as one of the Grand Officers and will make a good executive head of the Supreme Council, with his splendid judgment and his unbounded energy.

Walter G. Riddick, the newly elected Grand Chancellor, brings to his office the enthusiasm and devotion of a loyal II and will serve the Fraternity as zealously as an officer as he has always done as a member.

And so the new officers will fit into their several places and take up with their associates their share of the work of directing II K A and enabling her to continue her growth.



Official Communications

Announcement No. 4. Headquarters of the Fraternity. May 18, 1909.

Whereas, Certain charges have been preferred against Frank Leslie Pringle, a former member of Delta Chapter, by the members of the said chapter, which charges have been fully substantiated by evidence introduced before the chapter; and

Whereas, the said Delta Chapter has expelled from membership in the Fraternity, in accordance with Article X, Section 59 of the Constitution, the said Frank Leslie Pringle:

Now, Therefore, The Supreme Council does hereby confirm the action of the said chapter in the expulsion of the said Frank Leslie Pringle, and does order that he be no longer recognized as a member of the Fraternity.

A true copy of the minutes of the Supreme Council, given under my hand and the great seal of the Fraternity, this eighteenth day of May, A.D., 1909.

J. GORDON HUGHES, Grand Princeps.

Correct Attest:

C. W. UNDERWOOD,

Grand Secretary.

ANNOUNCEMENT No. 5. Headquarters of the Fraternity.

MAY 1st, 1909.

In accordance with the article adopted at the Convention that the Fraternity be divided into districts, we, the Supreme Council, do hereby announce the following Districts. and the names of the Chiefs whom we have elected. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

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(Signed) J. Gordon Hughes, Grand Princeps, Robert A. Smythe, Grand Treasurer. Graham Sale, Grand Historiographer. Chas. W. Underwood, Grand Secretary.

ANNOUNCEMENT No. 6.

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May 1, 1909.

I. The Supreme Council announce the election of the following editorial staff for the SHIELD AND DIAMOND commencing with issue of October, 1909.

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All financial matters, such as subscriptions, etc., will as heretofore be sent to the Grand Treasurer, Robert A. Smythe.

III. The Standing Committees are hereby revised and new chairmen and members appointed as per publication in this issue in the pages of the Fraternal Directory.

(Signed) J. Gordon Hughes, Grand Princeps.
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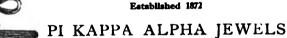
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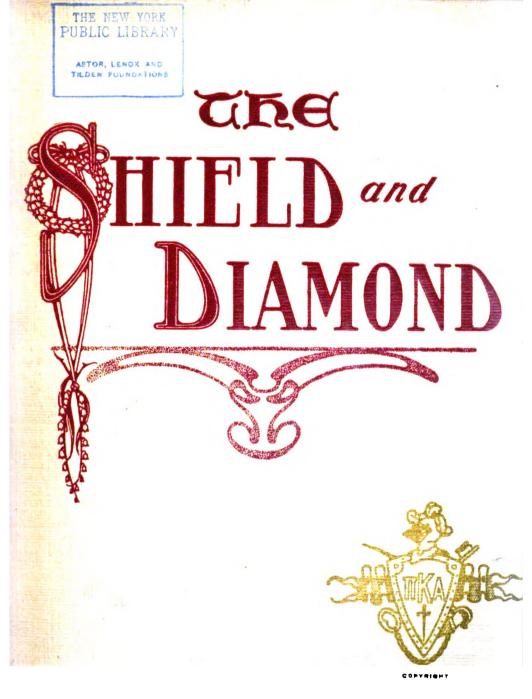


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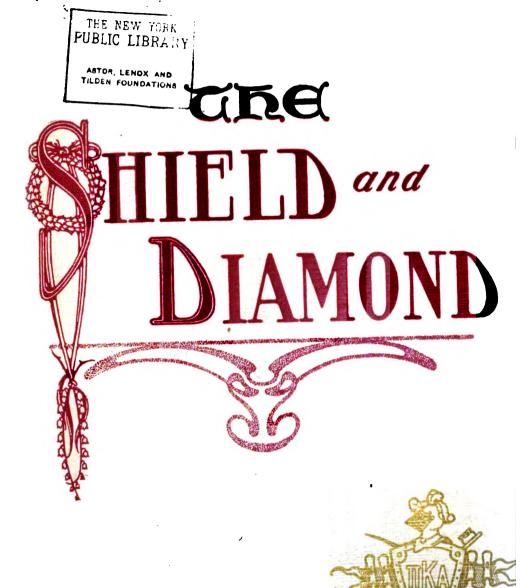
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